Egypt forwards draft on Gulf war

AMMAN (J.T.) — Egypt's Foreign Minister Ismai Abdul Meguid said Wédnesday that Egypt, along with several other Arab countries, has forwarded to the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) foreign ministers meeting a draft resolution on the fran traq war with a view to reach a stand that would allow for initiating peace negotiations between the warring parties. Citing the "positive Iraqi stand" on the various peace realls. Abdul Meguid said Cairo supported the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598. Meguid, who is heading his country's delegation to the meetings, told a press conference that only the U.N. had the right to reshuffle the order of the resolution. He was referring to tran's demand that the resolution's order he changed before accepting it. the right to reshulle the order of the resolution. He was reterring to trait demand that the resolution's order be changed before accepting it. Meguid said he hoped "the image would be clear in a day or two as to the proposed draft resolution Egypt had made." The Egyptian minister praised the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and drew a parallel between the uprising and the 1973 Arab-Israeli war in terms of its impact on the region. "The uprising has imposed itself on the region and its outcome has crystallised in new political moves," he said.

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Regent visits army unit

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday visited a unit of the Third Royal Armoured Division. The Regent watched various exercises performed by the unit. Prince Hassan visited the unit which is san visited the unit, which is, named after him, as part of its celebrations on the occasion of his birthday.

Arab team meets Genscher

ALGIERS (AP) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher met Wednesday with Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahimi and Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi to discuss the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories, official sources said. At the request of the Arab committee of seven, Arab League representatives are meeting with permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. The talks with Genscher, who also serves as president of the European Community's Council of Ministers, were the latest in a series. The Arab committee of seven includes Algeria, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Tuni-sia and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Genscher arrived in Algeria Wednesday morning.

U.S., Egypt agree to closer arms ties

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States and Egypt have agreed on closer cooperation in arms development, raising Cairo to the same military partnership with Washington as Israel and NATO allies, Pentagon officials said Wednesday. The officials said Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci and visiting Egyptian Defence Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazała were to sign a memorandum of understanding

Senior French official visiting Syria

DAMASCUS (R) — A senior official of French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac's Rally for the Republic (RPR) Party said Wednesday he was in Damascus to exchange views with Syrian officials. Jacques Cosciusko-Morizet, RPR national secretary for international relations, said he could not comment on speculation in Paris that his trip was a prejude to the release of French hostages in Lebanon.

U.S. to recall troops

WASHINGTON (R) - The United States plans to begin removing 3,200 U.S. troops from Honduras next Sunday or Monday after they complete joint exercises with Honduran forces, Reagan administration officials said Wednesday.

EC-GCC set to sign accord

BRUSSELS (R) - The European Community and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) began talks Wednesday which could lead to a free trade pact between the two hlocs, EC officials said. Negotiators from the community and the six states of the GCC were expected to conclude Thursday an agreement on stepping up scientific, industrial and political cooperation.

Nigeria beats Algeria

RABAT (R) — Nigeria beat Algeria 9-8 in a semi-final of the Africa Nations Cup after extra time and penalties Wednesday. The score was 1-1 after extra time (half time 1-0 for Nigeria). Scorers: Nigeria — Abderrazak Bel-gherbi (Algeria own goal) 39th mīnute. Algeria — Raehid Maatar (86th).

Israel confiscates journalists' film

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli officials said Wednesday that film confiscated from journalists after a Palestinian shot dead an Israeli soldier Sunday was needed for an investigation, Israel Radio reported. The statement from the office of the state prosecutor was in response to a high court in-terim order forbidding the army from developing the film.

OIC rallies behind S. Arabia against

with nuclear warheads, but the

Saudis have denied that this will

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir said Tuesday that Israel

and the United States were

"making efforts to deal with"

what he called the "grave de-

velopment." He did not elabo-

Egypt backed Saudi Arabia

against any Israeli threat.

against Sandi Arabia.

In Cairo, an official source said

The national Middle East News

Egypt reiterates that it consid-

Agency (MENA) quoted the

mned recent threats from Israel

sister Saudi Arabia an aggression

against itself that should be

strongly confronted," the source

Israeli threats

AMMAN — The Islamic World rallied behind Saudi Arabia Wednesday in support of the kingdom against Israeli threats over the acquisition of intermediate-range missiles and voiced the readiness of Muslim countries to defend Saudi Arabia.

be done

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

The foreign ministers of the They are capable of being fitted 46-member Organisation of Isla-with nuclear warheads, but the mic Conference (OIC), decried any attempt by Israel to violate international conventions by attacking Saudi Arabia.

A statement issued by the foreign ministers was very similar in wording to earlier declarations by OIC Secretary General Sharifuddin Pirzada — and by Jordan and Syria, which said they would con-sider any attack on Saudi Arabia to be an attack on them. Pirzada said earlier

Wednesday: "I am sending a cable to King source as saying Egypt conde-

Fahd supporting his Muslim kingdom and our Saudi brothers against the Israeli threats."

Pirzada said the OIC members ers any aggression against our would support the Saudis "morally and, if necessary, militarily." Saudi Arabia recently acquired Chinese CSS-2 missiles, which said. "The aggressor must bear have a range of 3,500 kilometres. responsibility for this aggres-

Saudi speech Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Ai Faisal told the conference Wednesday Saudi Arahia would temporarily limit the size of the annual pilgrimage to

Last year's Haj pilgrimage to Mec-ca and Medina was marred by bloody clashes between Saudi security forces and Iranian pilgrims in which at least 400 people were killed.

Prince Saud told the conference that the decision to set quotas on pilgrim numbers was taken in light of "current circumstances and the in-creasing number of visitors to the kingdom during the Haj."

He did not give details of the restrictions, but said they would be in force while a major programme to enlarge the two hoty shrines and improve pilgrim facilities was carried

This year's Haj will start in mid-

After last July's bloodshed, Iran challenged the right of the Saudi royal family to guard the holy places.

Iran's delegate to the conference renewed the challenge in his speech

to the OIC meeting.
"In accordance with Islamic rules and teachings, we declare that the pilgrimage area is for all Muslims and no-one has the right to rule it," Sheikh Mohammad Ali Al Tashkiri

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compatible with Arab consensus

and would guarantee the Palesti-

nian people's rights to self-deter-mination and statehood.

in an informal press conference at

the residence of the Syrian

ambassador to Jordan, said such

peace should come only through

an international peace conference

under the auspices of the United

Nations with the participation of

the five permanent members of

the Security Council and all par-ties involved in the Arab-Israeli

conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The new American peace plan, presented to the leaders of Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Israel by U.S.

Secretary of State Shultz, provides for

an international conference but states that the international powers attend-

ing it will not have any arbitration

powers. Sharaa did not elaborate on what he meant by a "realistic" inida-

what he meant by a reassact that he was reiterating the Syrian demand that the Security Council members would

have arbitration powers in the prop-

osed international conference, and that any settlement should be based

on Israeli withdrawal to its pre-1967

porders and realisation of the Palesti-

Staraa pointed out that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who

has voiced vehement opposition to

the Shultz plan, had not accepted the

concept of an international confer-

ence. "Shamir has not accepted the idea," Sharaa said. "And (Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres) is only thinking of it as an umbrella for

man people's right to statebood.

Sharaa, speaking to reporters

Sharaa says Syrian reply to American Mideast peace plan will be questions

By Nermeen Murad

AMMAN — Syria Wednesday appeared to be signalling a tions." change in its earlier rejection of Syri change in its earlier rejection of Syrian Foreign Minister the new American proposal for Farouq Sharaa said Syria was

peace in the Middle East and willing to accept any "realistic ving the door open for mod- near ifications in the plan by saying that it's reply to the plan will be presented in the form of "ques-

Pakistan: Soviets should not set terms for Afghan pullout

By P.V. Vivekanand Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Pakistan rejected suggestions Tuesday that it was delaying signing of an agreement at the U.N.-sponsored Geneva talks on ending the nine-year-old Soviet military intervention in

Afghanistan. Pakistan is not putting any new conditions on the table, said Mahboub Ul Haq, Pakistan's minister of commerce, at a press conference in Amman. "The Soviet Union should put no conditions before withdrawal. They (Soviet troops) entered the country without invitation. They should need no signature, no international permission before withdrawal," he said.

Haq said Islamabad was insisting on its demand that the Soviet Union halt all assistance to Kabul in return for Western undertakings to call off support for the

Afghan rebel movement, which is fighting a guerrilla war against successive Soviet-backed governments in Kabul.

Haq said Soviet insistence on continuing its aid to the Kabul government after American military supplies to the rehels ended meant disarming one side in the conflict.

He called for a simultaneous stoppage of arms supplies to both sides and commitments by outside powers not to send more weapons to Afghanistan after a settlement.

If we enter an agreement with Afghanistan in Geneva it means setting up the Mnjahedeen (Afghan rebels) for slaughter," he asserted. 'It means Pakistani recognition of a regime whose legitimacy has been challenged by the entire world community... According to Haq, who is leading

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Turkish-Cypriot leader says U.N. plan is 'bottom line'

By P.V. Vivekanand Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A United Nations plan unveiled in March 1986 for a settlement to the Cypriot problem remains the 'bottom line' that the hreakaway Turkish republic of northern Cyprus will accept, a senior Turkish-Cypriot leader said Monday.

Dr. Kenan Atakol, foreign minister and defence minister of the breakaway republic which is recognised only by Turkey, said the U.N. proposal for a "bi-communal, bi-zonal republic under one federal government" was the only solution that the Turkish Cypriots would agree to as the basis for a settlement to the conflict between the Turkish-Cypriots and Greek-Cypriots which led to the creation of the Turkish-Cypriot republic in 1983. Atakol, who is in Amman lead-

ing a three-member delegation as observers to the 17th conference of Islamic foreign ministers, says that chances for arriving at a settlement between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots "are practically nil."

According to Atakol, the Greek Cypriots are only singling out elements in the U.N. peace plan for implementation while the Turkish Cypriots insist that the proposal is "an integrated whole and not subject to any modification or dismember-

Atakol asserted the Cypriot Akel (communist) party and the Edek (socialist) party which sup-ported new president George Vassiliou in the elections, do not want a settlement to the conflict — at least not along the lines that would be acceptable to the Turkish Cypriots.

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Israeli jets raid Sidon; 15 killed or injured

SIDON, Lebanon (Agencies) — Israeli jets raided Palestinian targets in southern Lebanon five times Wednesday, killing or wounding at least 15 people, police said.

of Beirnt.

Palestinians were killed or

"They staged their fifth air raid as people gathered to rescue casualties from the previous strikes," one witness told

Police said the pilots released air balloons to deflect heat-seeking SAM-7 missiles unleashed by resistance fighters.

Dozens of panic-stricken civito Sidon as the jets circled for at least an hour before heading back to Israel over the

vious air strikes this year.

Police said four planes fired at least 25 rockets and dropped time bombs over the hilliop villages of Abra, Bramiyeh, Sharbabil and Majdalyonn near Sidon, 40 kilometres south

Security sources quoted by Renters said the five consecutive air strikes within one hour targeted Palestinian bases of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) and the Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC).

The planes also blasted chanese positions of the Tawheed movement, led by Saced Shanban, as well as the Popular Liberation Army (PLA) which controls security in Sidon.

The sources said at least 15

wounded in the attack, the third since March 12 and the fourth on Lebanese territory

Mediterranean. At least 22 Palestinians and Lebanese were killed in pre-

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iran lobbed a long-range missile into the Iraqi eapital, Baghdad,

Wednesday as the two bellige-

rent's "war of the cities" and

"tanker war" dragged on, claim-ing more civilian lives.

The missile, the Iraqi News

Agency (INA) reported, crashed at 7:30 (0430 GMT) in a residen-

tial neighbourhood "killing and wounding civilians and destroying

The agency did not give an

exact casualty count. It had ack-

nowledged that Iraqi gunners fired a similar projectile into

Iranian gunboats set a Cypriot

cargo ship ablaze in the Strait of Hormuz Wednesday, the 40th

victim of the Gulf shipping war

this year, regional shipping

There was no immediate word

of casualties as tngs raced

Missile hits Baghdad;

'tanker war' drags on

King calls on Pakistan to resume efforts to end Iran-Iraq conflict

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein has called on Pakistan to resume its efforts to end the 7½-year-old Iran-Iraq war and continue its international contacts aimed at finding a just and comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Speaking at a dinner hosted by President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq and his wife Tuesday night, the King also paid tribute to Pakistan's pan-Islamic efforts and its support for Arab causes. Following are major excerpts from the King's speech:

"Under Your Excellency's leadership, Pakistan has demonstrated its adherence to the Islamie (Continued on page 5)



His Majesty King Hussein with Pakistani President Mohammad Zi UI Haq in Islamabad (Petra photo)

Hundreds held in Israel's new anti-uprising mass arrest drive

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Israeli demonstrations, was him-(Agencies) — Israeli troops self jailed without trial Wednes-but Palestinian sources said the (Agencies) — Israeli troops Wednesday detained bundreds of Arabs in a massive arrest campaign aimed at ending the 15week-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza amid reports that the Zionist state was also considering extending military reserve duty to step up its effort to contain the anti-occupation revolt.

Attorney Mohammad Shadid of Tulkarem, counsel for several Palestinians accused of "security" offences and participation in anti-

day, Israel Radio said. Qalqilya residents told Reuter mated.

correspondent Jeffrey Bartholet their town had been under curfew for more than a week and the army cut off electricity and water Tuesday. The Haaretz newspaper re-

ported that 300 of the 700 Palestinians arrested in the past week would be jailed without trial for six months.

Rabin told a parliamentary committee Tuesday that Israel

Shultz may return to Mideast in pursuit of plan

grees to further discussions on his regional peace plan, an Israeli diplomat said Tuesday.

Asher Naim, the information minister at the Israeli embassy, said he expects Israel's cabinet will vote to keep alive the Sbultz

Odysseas H, 15 kilometres off the

The gunboats ambushed the

vessel at five p.m. (1300 GMT) in

the busy strait through which all

ships must pass to enter or leave

Omani patrol boats were heard

on marine radio angrily warning Iranian vessels out of Oman's

territorial waters. The sources

said they believed the Omanis

were trying to help the stricken

The Odysseas H was hit at the

same location as the Spanish car-

go ship Iberian Reefer, struck by

eight rockets Monday. That ves-

sel later limped into the eastern

United Arah Emirates port of

Iran has attacked six neutral

merchant ships since Saturday

when Iraq, in the worst single air

raid in the shipping war, killed 46

crewmen on two Iranian tankers

northern tip of Oman.

the hazardous Gulf.

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — debated.
Secretary of State George Shultz will probably travel to the Middle will be in the Middle East... in East within two weeks if Israel two weeks time again," be told reporters at the National Press

peace proposals, "and if the gov-ernment indeed decides a neutral way - that means you continue negotiations — then prohably Secretary Shultz will go to the peace initiative when the issue is Middle East."

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said Tuesday that Shuitz had not yet decided to return to the mideast, where he conducted a diplomatic shuttle last month.

Another State Department official, who spoke only on condition he not be named, said Shultz probably would make his decision by the end of this week after being hriefed by presidential envoy Philip Habih about his tour of four Arab capitals. Habib visited Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia this week and is due back by Thursday following a stop in Мотоссо.

Habib will bring with him reac-tions from the Arab leaders to Shultz's plan, which calls for Arab-Israeli talks to begin May I on Palestinian "self-rule," and for the next phase to start by Dec. I to determine the "future" of the Israeli-occupied territories.

in serious condition with beating injuries to his bead, hospital officials said. Reserve duty Israel also said Wednesday it Israel will not teject the U.S.

to them.

officials said.

was considering extending military reserve duty on a voluntary basis to help quash the uprising.
"There is such a plan... to enroll reservists for longer periods as enlisted men. No decision has been taken but it is being

figure was grossly underesti-

"They are turning any space,

any army facility they can find

into a prison camp," one Palestinian source said.

going after known political activ-

ists. They are taking people at

random from the streets. Young

men go out and simply don't

come back and their mothers

In the Gaza Strip, Israeli

troops shot and wounded a

Palestinian protester in the Jaba-

liya refugee camp, Shifa bospital

Another Palestinian from the

Deir Al Balah refugee camp was

have no idea what bas happened

They are by no means just

spokesman told Reuters.

He said that if the plan was approved, the army would ask reservists to volunteer for paid service in the occupied territories for periods of three to six months.

actively considered," an army

Financial 'loss'

New figures showed Monday Israel lost \$312.5 million as a result of the uprising.

Israel's 10-member inner cabinet was to meet later in the day to hear a report from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on his talks in the United States.

Gad Yacobi, minister of economy, revealed that the uprising had cost Israel 500 million shekels, about \$312 million, in lost production, exports and added "security" costs, spokeswoman Naama Henig said

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Overwhelming U.N. vote censures U.S. over PLO

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies)

— The General Assembly voted Wednesday overwhelmingly to condemn a U.S. move to shut down the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) mission at the United Nations, and PLO lawyers prepared to fight the U.S. move in

court.

The assembly, in its second emergency session on the PLO. voted 148 to 2 to reject the U.S. action. The resolution also called on the United States to abide by the international U.N. headquarters treaty, which allows U.N. missions to operate in New York.

The United States and Israel voted against the resolution, the third of its kind in three months. U.S. Ambassador Herbert Okun, the deputy permanent representative, said the U.S. Justice Department was obliged by law to enforce "anti-terrorist" legislation, which would close the mission.

But Okun said the United States would take no further steps to close the mission until a court has on U.S. territory.

ruled on the U.S. lawsuit, which was filed Tuesday in U.S. district court in Manhattan. The PLO accused the United

States Tuesday of engaging in "financial terrorism" by seeking a court order to close the mission and force the PLO to transfer its bank funds out of the United The only asset we have in this

country is the huilding we live in. Maybe they want me to live on the street, but this would not be the first time the Palestinians become refugees," said Zehdi Lahih Terzi, chief of the PLO

Terzi has said that if the PLO mission is closed, he will have to be dragged away from the mission. If forced to move, he has said it will be to the United Nations on international territory, out of reach of U.S. mar-

In 1973, PLO leader Yasser Arafat spent a night at the United Nations because he could not stay

through the gathering dusk to the burning 34,346-tonne bulk carrier (Continued on page 5) (Continued on page 5) Superpower summit set for May 29

sources reported.

Tehran Tuesday.

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhall Gorbachev will hold their fourth summit from May 29 to June 2 in

Moscow, Reagan announced Wednesday.

"We can announce that it has been agreed that the
Moscow summit will be from May 29 to June, 2,"
Reagan said during a brief appearance in the
White House Rose Garden with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Reagan and Gorbachev, who met previously in Geneva, Reykjavik and last December, in Washington, have said they would like to sign in Moscow a sweeping treaty halving superpower strategic nuc-

Asked if such an accord could be finished by May, Reagan told reporters: "I have no way to But he said the two superpowers were seeking the

"There are a number of other subjects we continue to discuss with each other," he said. Reagan and Shevardnadze then walked from the Rose Garden to the Oval Office for a working of good substance, of good content, for the sum-uit," Shevardnadze said.

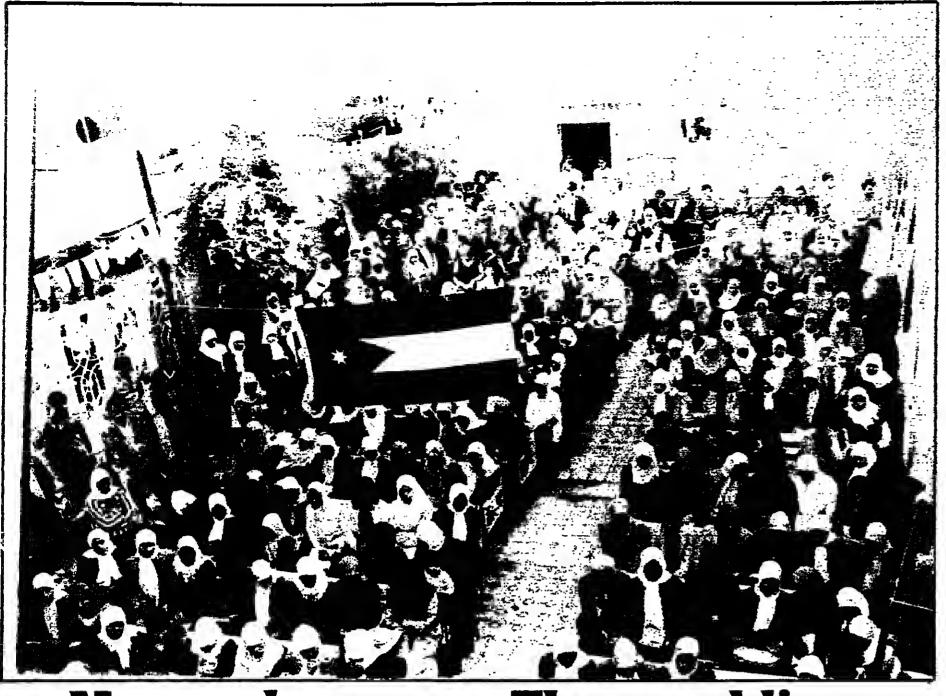
Khor Fakkhan.

Asked if the Soviet army would withdraw from Afghanistan after an intervention of more than eight years, Shevardnadze simply waved and moved away from the microphor

Earlier Shevardnadze and Secretary of State George Shultz discussed Moscow's plans for withdrawing troops from Afghanistan. Shevardnadze was asked if U.S. and Soviet experts who Tuesday reviewed regional issues separate from the ministers solved the problem of Soviet aid to the Kabul regime - a key obstacle to

an Afghan peace settlement.
"Without the ministers, the working group cannot decide anything," he said as he posed with Shultz at the State Department for photographers head of his session with Reagan.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said regional matters — particularly Afghanistan — were not considered at all by Shultz and Shevarduadze Tuesday but would top their Wednesday agenda.



Men and women: The moulding of sex roles

Najwa Najjar explores violence against women in the last of three articles. Part 2 appeared Wednesday.

By Najwa Najjar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

VICTIMS of violence, whether implicit or explicit, have expressed feelings of humiliation, anger. contempt, and depression when they were subjected to such abuse, indicated a pilot study on

violence against women conducted by Jordanian specialists in women issues. This "nerve wrecking" experience faces the majority of Jordanian women on daily basis. Researchers and experts on women's issues said that because the violence is in many

cases "cloaked", many women

were unaware that they were being abused.

University of Jordan sociology professor, a member of the research group. Arwa Ameri outlined the forms of violence in a lecture beld on the occasion of woman's week at Abdul

Hamid Shoman Library earlier this month. Women could be abused sexually, emotionally. and economically, through the use of the male privilege, threats, intimidation and isolation.

Often women and men do not regard these actions as "violent" due to their upbringing, which make these actions acceptable, according to the report. The basis of this theory is deep-rooted in system. the patriarchal system. a system marked by the supremacy of

Although this theory bas been contested by men and women, the specialists the Jordan Times spoke to attribute women's oppression to the patriarchal sysiem. Lawyer Lama Abu Odeh. Ameri and a graduate student, all involved and concerned with women's issues, discussed the traditional roles for males and females within the patriarchal

"Children who are brought up

under this kind of system must adhere to certain roles created for them by the society. The woman's role is limited to the home, the man's, 10 the world." said Ameri. In the first stage the female is

prepared to become a wife. "She

taught marriage is the most

'right' man is to take care of the home and family, and to offer their services with a positive spirit," she said. Training for marriage begins at home. "By obeying her father

important and natural goal for

females and her initial responsi-

bility once she has found the

and brothers and by doing house-hold chores," Ameri said. Meanwhile the male members of the family are raised to expect services from the woman as their right and that control/domination is their natural role.

Ameri noted that in the second stage, after marriage, the situation does not change. "The woman continues sacrificing what she believes in and her ambitions for the man. The symbol of love is ber submission, and ber identity is only within the context of her

In general, female socialisation teaches women to believe that they are weak and in need of men. A graduate student told the Jordan Times: "Women have been brainwashed by the maledominated society into thinking that they are incapable of doing anything. They see themselves as weak, because that is how men see them.

The patriarchal system and female oppression were related by the graduate student, Ameri and Abu Odeh. The three agreed that this system has created a male mentality which does not question man's power to control.

A controversial writer on the male supremacist ideology, Andrea Dworkin, has discussed in her book entitled, "Pronogra-phy: Men Possessing Women" the male mentality which gives men the right to physical strength as a means of power; the right to terrorise through various forms of violence; the right to label everything, including women; and the right to own, to money, and to sex. All of these rights, give men more power, to control, Dworkin

Supporting this theory, Ameri said: "The system aims to control women physically, mentally, socially, economically and politically through isolation and pos-

Abn Odeh said that upbringing reinforces man's "right" to possess women and his "right" to use violence against a woman if he feels she has "deviated" from her traditional role. "Male/female relationships tend to be possessive relationships: The woman is the man's possession. Rarely is marriage referred to as companionship. Therefore, if a man gets angry, he feels he can violate what he owns:"

The economic factor

Both Abu Odeh and Ameri believe the economic factor plays a major role in strengthening man's ownership of women. "Most women, especially in the Arab World are economically dependent on their husbands. In return for taking care of the family, doing the housework and pleasing him, the husband gives the wife food, drink, clothes and

shelter," Ameri said. Due to the woman's economic dependency, the relationship bas been relegated to a master-slave level. "It is a relationship of exploitation and because of this, if a woman does not listen to a man then she is subject to all kinds of abuse, like slaves," she

Another reason behind male violence against women is what is often referred to as the "madonna/whore" syndrome. According to Ameri. Abu Odeb and the graduate student, men have been taught that there are two kinds of women: The female who abides by all the rules laid down to her by society, "the good girl," usually embodied in mothers and sisters; and the female who deviates from the traditional role set for her is "the bad girl," usually every other female.

Since "the bad girl" does not deserve the male's respect, then he can abuse her in whatever way suits him. On the other band "the good girl" he owns, and therefore, he can behave with ber in whatever way suits him, too.

"Unfortunately, many women see themselves as men see them," said the graduate student. This is why many women who have been violated do not even notice that an sct of violence have been eommitted against them. "Women often feel that it was their fault that they were violated because they provoked the man. It is normal for men to be violent, and it is necessary to put up with it for the sake of the children," said Ameri.

To date there are no social institutions to protect or to offer counselling for Jordanian women who have been ahused. Most of the younger victims have stated that they have turned to their families for safety, but a lot of the older women have remained silent. They fear family retaliation or more violence on the hus-

According to Ahu Odeh there are Jordanian laws which protect individuals from violence. "It is within the woman's right to report incidents of battery and assault and to press charges," she said, adding that usually women do not report violence against ners in life; -

them because of the societal attitude on the subject.

A victim, who wanted to sue a male colleague for verbally abusing her, was discouraged hy her family "Scandal and shame was associated with my pressing charges on him. My family and relatives said that people would think that he had violated me in stronger ways that I take such a drastic measure of suing. Society looks at the violation of a woman as a violation of the male's honour, and tries to cover up," she

Economic independence?

Although there are laws protecting women, economic dependency is a strong reason why women do not free themselves from abusive relationships. Ameri and Odeb suggest economic independence as a lool of liberation. "A woman is not brought up to realise all her protentials and to have other alternatives to marriage. Her main ambition is to be a bousewife, unpaid. If she divorces, she has to go back to her father or brother, or to another husband. She continues being dependent on a male, and the relationship continues to be unbalanced. She must become economically independent," Ameri said.

The graduate student offered an alternative to compliment women's economic independence as a means to end any form of violence used against them. Women must understand that they are not weak or stupid, but that they are oppressed. They must refuse to accept the situation, and must do their best to make males aware of this oppres-

She believes that males suffer oppression as well. "Male's socialisation constricts individuality. They are taught to be aggressive and dominating (sometimes contrary 10 individual nature) and often unknowingly oppress women. Still, I do not condone them, I hold them responsible. But, we must understand we share the battle, tell men 'you treat me this way and it hurts me, and burts you as well'."

To her self-realisation and assertion of independence, including economic independence, are the keys to free individual women from their oppression. However, for comprehensive change, the interviewees agreed that change must occur on all. levels: Individually, in the family unit, in society at large, and on all institutional level. The change will be hastened once men beginto look at women as equal part-

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS **EXHIBITIONS**

& Book exhibition at the Comprehen sive Commercial Centre (Tower Build-ing). Jabal Amman, 3rd Circle (perma-

General book exhibition at the Professional Associations Complex in

Book exhibition at the University of Jordan's Faculty of Arts.

☆ Art exhibition by Samia Zarour at the Jordan National Museum of Fine Arts (until end of March)

Art exhibition by Mohammad Boulis and Mounira Al Tunisiah at the Housing Bank Gallery (runs through April 191.

* An exhibition of etchings by British artist David Hockney at the British Council. There is also a showing of video film entitled "Hockney" during the exhibition (until March 27).

☆ First School Arts Exhibition at Ahmad Touqan School. Open during school hours until June 1988.

* Kevin Eubanks Trio (guitarist, bassist and drummer) to perform contem-porary jazz. (23 March - 29 March).

Exhibition for the Spanish artist Maria Dolores Travesedo at the Spanish Cultural Centre. FILMS

* "Una strana coppia di suoceri" (Italian) at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Haya Arts Centre.

"Prizzi's Honour" at 7:00 p.m.

☆ Friends of Archaeology arranges a trip to Wadi Jala'd, north of Amman. on Friday, March 25. A number of ruins in close proximity, and enjoy abundant spring flowers. Starts from Amra Hotel al 9:00 a.m.

... Light Music

FIELD TRIP

MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum," Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.
Folklore Museum: Jewelry and cos-

tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries]. The Roman Theatre, Amman, Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round, Tet, 651760.

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Jordan Archaeological Maseum: Has an excellent collection of the anti-quities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qa'n (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 634590. Church of the Annunciation (Roman

Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. 6374-10. De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757. Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic). Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian lan-

punge, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 62:366 Church of the Annunciation [Greck Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 62:3541.

Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 62:583, chaptain's residence tel. 60:359.

Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich. Tel. 771331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fich, Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Ortho-dox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 771751. Amman International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southero Baptist School in Shmeisani. Tel. of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N.

Smir, tel. 811295. Rainbow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) glish Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. tel. 822605. Rev. Veli. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Tel. 815817.

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	Baghdad (RJ)

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FOR FRIDAY

JORDAN TELEVISION

..... Date with a Star Evening Show

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10:20 Programme Review
10:30 Rainbow Rite
10:50 Cartoons and Children programme
11:20 Religious series
12:30 Friday's prayer
14:30 Sport magazine
14:40 Art and Crafts
15:25 Vengeræ
16:45 Arabic Comedy
17:15 Believe It or Not
18:05 News reports
18:20 Viewers' choice (Arabic)
19:20 Local programme
19:50 Programme review
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AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Wednesday joined world amons in observing Meteorological Day, which is being held this year under the slogar of Meteorology and Information."

The Department of Meteorology held an exhibition on the occasion, displaying equipment for forecasting the weather and items used in this service which benefits the public, airlines and telecommunications services.

On display also are maps, equipment that measure temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure and pollution in the

The exhibition was opened by Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan who delivered a speech paying tribute to the Department of Meteorology for its services to the country.

The minister referred to the cloud seeding programme, undertaken by the department, which, he said, is a manifestation of the department's efficient employment of technological equipment.

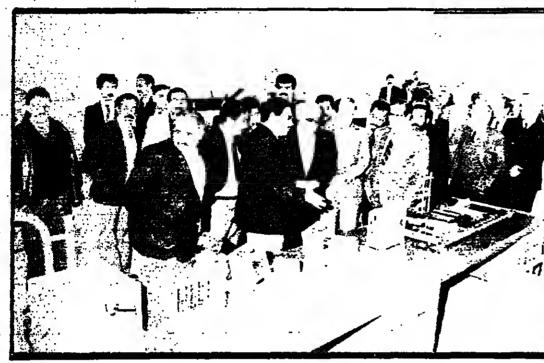
The cloud seeding equipment, he said, were used this year on an experimental basis but they are useful in the future to increase rain on which Jordan's agricultural wealth depends.

Department Director Ali Abanda delivered a speech outlining the department's services. specially in providing information for farmers on the weather condi-

Since the signing of documents on the establishment of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) in Geneva, Abanda, said, 160 nations have joined WMO to add their expertise to the general world efforts in meteorological affairs. ...



Minister of Transport and Telecommunications inspects the different equipment used by the Khaled Al Haj Hassan speaks on the occasion of the World Meteorology Day. (below) The minister Meteorological Department (Petra photos)



Fayez heads parliamentary delegation to Egypt

CAIRO (Petra) - A Jordanian parliamentary delegation led by Lower House of Parliament Speaker Akef Al Fayez arrived here Wednesday nn an official visit to Egypt, and talks with the Egyptian Peoples Council speak-

in a statement at the airport, Fayez said the two sides will discuss urgent issues of concern to the Arab countries, they will examine bilateral parliamentary ties and the situation in the occupied Arab territory in the light of the current Palestinian nprising there, in addition to the Gulf war and prospects for holding an international peace conference.

Fayez expressed hope that the two sides will arrive at fruitful

results, benefitting the peoples of Egypt and Jordan.

The Egyptian Peoples Council Speaker Rifat Manjoub welcomed Fayez and his accompany-

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PRINCESS BASMA: Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, presi-

dent of the board of trustees of the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund, Wednesday attended a play entitled a Mother's Dream prepared by

students at Al Ahliya School for Girls on the occasion of Mothers'

PHILIPPINE ENVOY: Minister of Higher Education Dr. Nas-sereddine Al Assad Wednesday discussed with the Ambassador of the Philippines in Annuan Juan Saez boosting bilateral relations in

the field of higher education and increasing the number of Philippine

students at Jordanian universities. The two sides also discussed the

provision of Jordanian assistance in the setting up of the projected

ISLAMIC LEADERS: Minister of Awgaf and Lauret Affairs

Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat met separately in his office Wednesday with heads of Islamic societies in Libya and the Comoro

HAMZEH VISITS MA'AN: Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh visited

Ma'an Wednesday and opened a first aid and emergency department,

and a section for forensic medicine at the Ma'an Government

Hospital. In a speech on the occasion Hamzeh said the Health

Ministry was trying to introduce all possible measures for providing

Islamic International University in the Philippines.

ing delegation upon their arrival and said that the visit was within uished relationship between occupied Arab territory.

Egypt and Jordan.
Talks between parliamentary teams representing the two sides are to start at the Egyptian Peoples Council Thursday.

The lordanian delegation which comprises 16 members are making the visit upon an invitation from Mahjoub.

Later Wednesday Fayez was received by Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sidki with whom he tories.

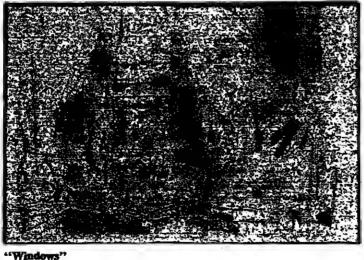
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Fayez spoke on Jordan's stand with regard to the Palestine question and voiced Jordan's continued coordination with Egypt in parliamentary affairs.

hayez held separate meetings with Mahioub and members of the People's Council to review Arab affairs and the developments in the occupied Arab terri-

Wal Mi'raj and its religious sig-nificance for Islam.

under the Romans, the Crusaders the Arab population and its acts and others, projecting Al Haram of sacrilege at the boly shrines.



Jordanian artist holds exhibition in Washington

AMMAN (J.T.) — An art exhibition organised by a group of art lovers residing in Washington, D.C. is currently on display at the Addison-Ripley Gallery in Washington, D.C.

The show of works nn paper by Jordanian arrist Nabila Hilmi opened Tuesday, March 22.

Hilmi's vision is centred on the relationship of the inner to the outer world. She creates atmospheres where human beings interact with each other as well as with the objects around them. Those

objects are charged with a life force equal to that of the humans. To her, reality is seen as an addition of moments: Separate, intense, real and moving in time and space. The sense of movement as well as fragmentation of visible reality is paramount in Hilmi's

Hilmi uses collage, ink, water colours and mixed media to express

She was born in Jerusalem and spent her early years in Egypt and Lebanon. She earned a law degree from St. Joseph University in Beirut and a B.A. in Fine Arts (with high distinction) from Beirut University College. She further studied at the Art Students League in New York City. She now lives in Washington, D.C. and Amman.

The exhibition will continue until April 4.

2-day seminar aims to introduce innovation in educational system

AMMAN (Petra and J.T.) — A two-day National Seminar on Educational Innovation opened Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel in Amman with the participation of 30 representatives from local educational institutions.

Two working papers from the Ministry of Education and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) are to be examined, along with several proposals submitted by the participants during the sessions, a Ministry of Education official told the Jordan

She said that the seminar, financed by UNESCO and organised by the Ministry of Education aims to coordinate work among national educational in-stitutions towards introducing innovation in the Kingdom's educational systems.

Ministry of Education's Secretary General Radi Al Waqfi

opened the meetings on behalf of Minister of Education Thougan Hindawi, outlining the importance of the innovation programmes for promoting education which, he said, is closely related to social and economic develop-

Waqfi said that the seminar takes place as the country is involved in the implementation of resolutions adopted by the first national educational conference held in Amman last September, which aimed to overhaul the edu-. cational structure, its curricula. school textbooks, teaching methods and school administra-

The innovation programme

aims to bring about a qualitative improvement to education in the general sense, and to release the creative potential of all those involved in the educational pro-

Waqfi emphasised Jordan's support for and appreciation of UNESCO's role in cooperating with Jordan and other Arah countries for promoting educa-

UNESCO delegate Abdul Wahid Yousef said that the innovation seminar will seek solutions of educational systems and explore better means for serving Arab social and economic objec-

UNESCO role is confined to the Arah World and facilitating and Works Agency for Palestine cooperation between the Arah refugees (UNRWA). cooperation between the Arah states on the one hand, and between them and countries in other continents on the other, sion

Another speaker was Dr. Izzat Jaradat from the Ministry of Education who said that the delegates will lay down new conceptions for innovation and develop-

ment of education in Jordan. Participants in the seminar, which was organised in cooperation with the Kuwait based Educational Programmes for Innova-tion and Development in Arab States (EPIDAS) come from the University of Jordan, Yarmouk, University, Jordan University of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Higher Education, the Vocational Training Corpora-: tion, the Higher Council for Sciproviding technical support in the ence and Technology, UNESCO fields of innovation throughout and the United Nations Relief

> Senior military and civil offi-: cials attended the opening ses-

GUVS honours Haj Hassan

AMMAN (Petra) — The General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) Wednesday held a reception party in honour of Minister of Transport and Telecom-munication Khaled Al Haj Hassan in recognition of his support and backing for GUVS activities.

The reception was attended by Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureikat and prominent members of

In a speech, on this occasion, GUVS President Abdullah Al Khatib said that with support from Haj Hassan, GUVS promoted its activities and operations and with the result that at least JD 10 million of its funds are being invested in charity and voluntary services, and programmes on both banks of the River

Hmoud inspects farming areas in Balga

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hinoud Wednesday made an inspection tour of forest and range districts land. in Balqa Governorate, and urged farmers to plant more trees that are suitable for the area.

The minister said that rain in the present season bas been plentiful and should guarantee the growth of all saplings. The minister also called on

Agriculture Ministry Specialist Abdul Majid Abu Rumman presented a hriefing on the ministry's afforestation projects on the slopes of Eera and Yaraga hilly towns in the Balga Governorate. and said that nearly 60,000

dunums of land have been planted with forest trees and

stone-fruit trees. The department of agriculture here is currently building an 80kilometre stretch of agricultural road to help farmers transport their products. Abu Rumman

The minister was accompanied by senior officials.

Quiz Night to benefit the handicapped

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under the Patronage of Their Highnesses Prince Ra'd and Princess Majda, British Airways and the Marriott Hotel are bringing "Quiz Night" to Jordan for the first time. The idea is to have fun and make money for charity. The Al Hussein Society for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped is to be beneficially Handicapped is to be beneficially Manager Eric Burdon.

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cluded that the number of Jorda-

nian children's story writers and

books are still very limited. Be-

cause of this, he said, the number

of children interested in reading

outside the school has decreased

tremendously. He also believes

that there is not enough interest

accorded to children's theatre in

reviewing children's books re-

flects a lack of interest in this

field. He concluded that another

major problem with children's

literature in Jordan is that "for

some reason or other, many se-

rious writers are unable to pub-

Children's theatre

by Mobammad Malas on chil-

Another paper was presented

The speaker said that educa-

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ciaries of what will be a very exciting and rewarding evening. Now, over JD 10,000 worth of prizes, gifts and goodies will be on offer to be won or just given

"I bave been delighted by the very generous response from so many contributors" said British

participants can reserve by calling. the Marriott Hotel or British Airways on 680055. Tickets are JD-12.000 for this fun-filled evening, and the word is that everyone gets a prize. Unlimited beer/wine/ soft drinks/supper and entry to fantastic door prizes are included

Children demand more libraries with colourful books

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Two little girls Wednesday demanded that adults listen to what children want and to provide them with their cultural needs "because there are as many of us as there are of you."

School children should have a weekly class where they go to a library and read books of their choice, and then discuss what they read with each other, suggested Rawan and Dima, adding that they prefer reading on their own rather than having a teacher read to them.

The children were speaking at the opening of a two-day seminar under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor and attended by Noor Al Hussein Foundation Director General In'am Al Mufti who denutized for In'am Al Mufti who deputised for the Queen. .

Speaking at the seminar on children's literature in Jordan held hy the National Association for the Education of Children -Rawan, 9, and Dima, 7, demanded that there be more children's bbraries with a more variety of books that are "colourful, comprehensible and useful."

"We like books that carry more good than evil so that other children don't imitate the evil. We like realistic stories so that we can believe them, as well as stories on animals and nature, and beroes," Rawan said, adding that "how to do" books and books on scientific inventions are also interesting to

On plays and theatre, the girls said children usually prefer short plays that discuss one important issue, "and if there should be singing, then the songs should be in the right place in the play, not stuck anywhere." Because so many children are

spending a lot of time watching television, Rawan and Dima suggested that there be less violent children shows such as many of the Japanese cartoons "because we would like to tell you that many children imitate the violence they see on TV." They added that they prefer entertain-ing cartoons and shows that are either in Arabic or translated into Arabic because "we are Arabs and not foreigners."

The opening of the seminar, held at the Amman Chamber of Commerce, included a children's exhibition on books and educational games.

The first day of the seminar included seven working papers. The first paper, presented by Dr. Fakhri Tumalieh entitled "the tale in Jordanian children's literature," is about findings of a study conducted on thirteen different

tional institutions should encour-He gave brief analyses of the age children's theatre and make it a part of extra curricular activities at school.

He said that scripts should be written in simple classical Arabic, "because it is an opportunity for children to read and view plays within their understanding. The writers must take into consideration the different age groups regarding subjects, language and vocabulary that suit every age Tumalieh said the lack of critics group," he said.

> Malas added that it is the duty of the media to take more active interest in children's culture in general and theatre in particular. Adults should be aware of the importance and necessity of chil-dren's theatre," he noted.

tions, literary institutions and specialists to make an inventory of children's books and evaluate

them. He said this should be done. with the cooperation of children: themselves.

Thaher also suggested that a committee of specialists should study all vocabulary used by children in the Arab World and come He said university students

should be assigned to research children's literature and libraries. The speaker added that specialised agencies should be established to supervise all literature pertaining to children.

Other working papers were presented at the first day of the seminar, including creativity and its conditions by Ahmad Ahu . Arkub, creative writing by She-hadeh Al Natour, elementary Speaker Mohammad Thaher Arabic language textbooks by called on Arab writers' associaa format for the analysis of Arabic language books by Moham-mad Meqdadi and Shadia Al Tal.



The two children, Rawan and Dima, Wednesday speak during the opening of the seminar on children's literature in Jordan. (below) Noor Al

Hussein Foundation Director General In'am Mufti visits the children's exhibition on books educational games (Petra photes)



Islands, who are taking part in the Organisation of Islamic Conference meeting in Amman. The minister reviewed with them their countries' relations with Jordan and bilateral cooperation in

primary health care to all governorates. KARAMEH BATTLE MARKED: The Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) in cooperation with the 12th Royal Mechanised Division held a ceremony here Wednesday to observe Al Karameh Battle anniversary. The ceremony incinded a photo exhibition opened by JUST President Kamel Ajlouni depicting the development of the Jordanian Armed Forces. Later he opened a tae kuan do tournament organised with the Military Sports Federation and the Greater Amman Municipality. HEARING-IMPAIRED: - National Aid Fund (NAF) Director General Khalil Fa'ouri visited the Queen Alia Society for the Rehabilitation of the Hearing-Impaired and discussed with society members matters related to the rehabilitation of handicapped children. He also discussed cooperation between the two institutions in diagnosing the children's cases and providing hearing aids to them

WATER SPRING CLOSED: A water spring owned by the Schneller School in the Zarga Governorate has been ordered closed by Zarqa Governor Eid Al Qatameh. A spokesman for the governor said that tests conducted on samples from the spring proved that the water was not fit for human consumption. SPECIAL LICENCE CARDS: The Civil Defence Department (CDD) has issued special licence cards for vehicles that sell gas cylinders in the Kingdom. The cards show the car number, type and load capacity as well as the distributor and the region for distribution. A CDD official said other vehicles with no such cards will be banned from distributing gas cylinders since they would not be approved as

MARAQA IN IRAQ: The Jordan Radio, Television and Cinema Production Company Director Jawad Al Maraga left for Baghdad Wednesday to take part in a television festival. MAJALI VISITS ZARQA: Public Security Department (PSD)
Director General Lieutenant-General Abdul Hadi Al Majali visited Director General Lieutenant-General About Flatt Al Majah visited Zarqa Police Department Wednesday and inspected works currently underway for expanding the police department's facilities. The expansion projects fall within the PSD's programmes to set up new

security centres around the Kingdom. N. YEMENI DELEGATION: University of Jordan's Vice President Dr. Mahmoud Al Samra Wednesday met with an educational delegation from North Yemen and discussed with them cultural and academic relations between the university and institutions of higher education in North Yemen.

providing safety measures in their operations.

Tamimi highlights importance of Jerusalem's holy places

IRBID (Petra) — A seminar was held here Wednesday in observance of Al Israa Wal Mi'raj feast,

He also spoke about the Israa during which the history of Jerusalem and the importance of its holy places were discussed by notable speakers.

Sheikh Izzeddin Al Tamimi outlined the history of the Holy City

with reference to the current situation in the occupied Arab territory, Sheikh Tamimi spoke in length about Israel's practices and its constant drive to uproot

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Equal rights, but not for Gentiles

THE collapse of an ancient mosque in Herziliya earlier this week, killing an old woman and seriously injuring a child, is a timely reminder of the state of Islamic holy shrines under Israeli control. The fact that the collapsed mosque was in "Israel proper," which boasts of its record of "equal rights" for all, should concern the Islamic foreign ministers gathered in Amman. The mosque was damaged in the 1948 war, and the Israeli government did not allow the faithful to repair it, thus leaving it to the conrse of nature to destroy it. The Herziliya case is not an isolated one; there are scores of Islamic holy places elsewhere in Palestine which have been subjected to Israel's systematic drive to wipe out the Arah and Islamic character of Palestine. The Herziliya mosque could have been saved from destruction had the Israeli authorities permitted its Arab citizens to do so. By the same token, it doesn't take any imagination to judge the fate of holy places -- Christian as well as Muslim in Jerusalem and the West Bank, where the Palestinian people are suffering occupation and consequent oppres-

Israel is bent upon a course of ultimate destruction of non-Jewish shrines in the occupied lands, and the faithful stand in need of every assistance to sustain their effort to counter the Zionist state's plans to judaise Jerusalem and the occupied territories. This is part of the overall Palestinian struggle for their rights in their homeland; but for the Israelis, it is only the beginning of their long-term designs.

Islamic holy shrines under Israeli control had always been a focal point for the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), and much has been accomplished in the Haram Al Sharif complex in Jerusalem. But it is also time that the OIC, gathered here no more than a few dozen kilometres from Jerusalem and Palestine, enhance its scope of action to include other Islamic landmarks. Anything short of a dedicated and serious effort will only result in a greater threat that Muslim history may be slowly eliminated from the land, and relegated to books.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Solidarity is the solution

AN examining look at the Islamic foreign ministers agenda will reveal two important points: That without real solidarity among Muslims there can be no solution of any problems, and that Islam is a religion that contradicts injustice. racism, exploitation and terrorism and against economic, cultural and political oppression and aggression. For this reason, the Islamic world continues to face serious challenges and continues to struggle against those who want to impose injustice and deprive peoples of their freedom and peace. Any alliance by any party with racism and injustice is confronted by Islam, and any attempts for expansionism and hegemony is opposed hy this religion and the faithful. In his address to the OIC foreign ministers in Amman the King referred to the issues confronting the Islamic World pointing to national security, scientific and technological challenges, requirements for development, internal disputes and regional stability as among several others. He warned that the enemies of Islam were trying to weaken the Islamic nation in these above-mentioned areas, and deepen divisions among Muslims, so that they can impose their hegemony and domination. The King made it clear that the Islamic world's political problems stem from weakness planted within Muslims by the nation's enemies.

Al Dustour: Jordan stands by Saudi Arabia

KING Hussein expressed Jordan's total support for Saudi Arabia in the face of Israeli threats in his cable to King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz. He pledged a firm stand by the Arah country in confrontation with aggression or threats, by stressing that any aggression on Saudi Arahia would be considered as one directed against Jordan. The threats emanated from an arrogant enemy with a lust to impose hegemony on others and to interfere in their own affairs. Jordan regards such threats as posed against all Arabs and therefore, urges all Arabs to consider them seriously and deal with them with a responsible and national spirit. What the Arabs onght to do is to adopt a joint stand in the face of such challenges and Israel's expansionist and aggressive ambitions. We are confident that Saudi Arahia possesses the means to deter aggression and defend its sovereignty and its people, but we also demand that Arab states hold contacts at the highest level to come up with plans that can deter the enemy and prevent aggression. There is no need for the Arabs to complain to the United Nations since Israel attaches no importance to its resolutions and does not regard world opinion. Such challenge should be confronted with a better means to deter Israel from using its military power against the Arah World.

Sawt Al Shaab: Jordan will defend Saudi Arabia

JORDAN'S firm stand in seeking solidarity among Arabs and helping Arab countries to fend off aggression and safeguard the Arah Order was explicitly manifested in King Hussein's cable to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. The King pledged that the Jordanian armed forces will be ready to fight off any aggression on Saudi Arahia with all its means and power. Israel which issued the threats displayed its adherence to its expansionist policies aimed at imposing domination on the Arabs, policies which are now futile in the light of Arab solidarity and unity of ranks achieved at the Amman Arah summit meeting. The Arab states are now more solid in their stand and more united in their purpose and objectives in a manner that can never allow their enemies to tamper with their national interests. Sandi Arabia's purchase of weapons for defensive purposes is of no concern to any one; and any Arah country has the right to arm itself against aggression from any source regardless of the views of others. The Israeli threats came as the foreign ministers of Islamic countries are holding their meetings in Amman to discuss means to unifying ranks in the face of common threats. Such threats by Israel which continues to occupy Arab land are directed towards impeding the peace process in the region.

Uprising endures

The following article is reprinted from the Israeli newspaper, The Jerusalem Post.

By Gabi Sheffer

THE ISRAELI public at large, and especially Israeli politicians, hold vastly wrong perceptions about the endurance of the Palestinians and their current uprising. Therefore both the promises given by former generals and assurances nttered by present leaders of the defence establishment, that soon or soon enough, the Palestinians' rebellion can be smashed, are hased on false assumptions.

These inaccurate perceptions and erroneous assumptions stem simultaneously from lack of knowledge about the nature of combative national movements in general, and from unfamiliarity with the origins of the Palestinian movement, and the conclusions that it has drawn from its history, particularly from the failure of its uprising in the 1930s.

As past history and present events on the national front have shown, once a substantive national movement is determined to achieve its goals, and is taking firm action toward achieving them, there is almost no force that can stop it. At best, only massacres of its leaders, soldiers and supporters can delay the ultimate fulfilment of its aims.

This was the case with most of the national liberation movements that emerged in the wake of World War II, including some movements that, during their actual struggles against their oppressors, had seemed hopeless and helpless, like the FLN in Algeria, or Zionism itself.

and the Tatars in the Soviet Union; the Basques in Spain; the Kurds in Iraq, Turkey and Iran; the Afghans; the Palestinians and many others have continued their Palestinians. relentless fight for self-determination, despite unwise attempts by militarily superior states to stop them. In all these

cases, the outlook for the occupy-

ing powers is bleak, and for the

national movements, bright.

Above and beyond this, it is now clear that the Palestinians would be able to continue their fight, both within the occupied territories and outside, almost they fall under the general rubric one local, secret committee are of (substantive) combative many: The IDF cannot put its national movements, or because they exhibit striking similarities to all other national movements, operating in various parts of the globe. The Palestinians have a good chance to endure in their protracted struggle with Israel because they also carned a number of important lessons from their own relatively

It seems that Palestinians have learned at least five major lessons, and are therefore becoming more sophisticated in their strife.

unsuccessful rebellion of the late

First, until now they have avoided violent internal fights and interfactional massacres. This was one of the most debilitating aspects of their rebellion in the 1930s, which enabled the British and the Arab states to stop them short of their goals. Second, until now the Palesti-

nians have wisely avoided the use of lethal weapons in their fight against the IDF. Consequently, they have achieved a moral and

More recently, the Armenians communications advantage over their rivals, who occasionally resort to the use of deadly weapons with devastating results for themelves rather than for the

> It seems that prolonged acts of civil disobedience are paying handsomely in terms of international sympathy and purity at bome. This strategy also preempts even harsher measures by Israelis, who may look for adequate pretexts to use them.

Third, the Palestinians have not created a roof organisation, like the Arab Higher Committee that they established in the 1930s. indefinitely, not only because The advantages of having only hand on and detain a few leaders or exile them, thus serving a deadly blow to the entire rebeihon; the decentralised local committees can more efficiently run the show, since they know the local conditions better: they do not have to coordinate their actions or wait for authorisation from a distant body, etc.

> Fourth, the Palestinians have also learned a few vital lessons concerning the nature of their leadership. Although it is difficult to prove, it seems that the present eadership is a combination of the young and the aggressive on the one hand, and the more experienced on the other. Despite the image they want to create, it looks as if some of the cleverer and older leaders still participate in guiding events. Also, intellectuals are playing a major role in the present oprising, which is demonstrating an ability to overcome many strategic

Fifth, a priori, the Palestinians have designed their struggle to

They are not falling for quick fixes or easy solutions. They are psychologically ready to carry out their fight for a long time. And they are ready to take quite a lot, not out of submission, but out of their own choice. This creates an almost automatic advantage over Israelis, who are by nature impatient, and have tremendous difficulties in absorb-

achieve long-range objectives.

ing losses and casualties. All these factors indicate that the longer the strife, the better the Palestinians' chances of achieving their goals. Moreover, developments until now indicate that if the Palestinians continue along these lines and continue to avoid the mistake of the 1930s, they can cause the vulnerable Israeli system even greater damage. They can hring about Israeb submission without resorting to the use of a full-fledged war by the Arab states, which could

defeat their own purposes. Without considering the political aspects, which are crucial for any comprehensive solution of the Israeli and Palestinian problem, Israel can move immediately to alleviate the situation.

It can, and should, express its recognition of the Palestinians' efforts for self-determination, which are now in full swing. The Palestinians, are already on their way to achieving this supreme goal of all national movements, and Israel's recognition of it may at last open new avenues and prevent total catastrophe in this part of the

in addition to the moral and diplomatic justifications, such a move can create the calm without jeopardising any of Israel's own aims or plans, which should be explored along the political nego-

tiating table.

Good guys and bad guys

OPEN FORUM

DURING the formation of the United States of America, the early settlers and the army systematically repressed the indicate population. In this case the "red" Indians. The creation of reservations and the obliteration of a traditional lifestyle is seen today as an acceptable facet of the "Great American Dresm."

During the formation of the state of Israel, the early settlers and the army, systematically repressed the indigenous population. In this case the Palestinians. The creation of relugee camps and the obliteration of a traditional life style is seen today as an acceptable

facet of Isaeli life. The parallel creations are proportionately on schedule. The rebellions of Cochise, Geronimo and Sitting Buli in the 1870s and 1880s have been mirrored by the rebellions of Palestinians in the

occupied territories in the 1970s and 1980s. The occurrence of a "Custers Last Stand" type massacre of Israell troops by the Palestinians would be the required catalyst to complete the cycle. The remaining, "Renegades", would be swept away in a murderous orgy of self-righteous indignation. A complacent world may, believing itself to be now civilized, dismisses this idea as being unlikely. A simultaneous browse

through a current newspaper and the Ten Commandments in the Bible will convince the objective reader of how little civilization has morally progressed in thousands of years. One hundred years, in comparison, is an insignificant length of time.

After the capitulation of Nazi Germany in 1945, the world

information services began a propaganda campaign in favour of the undeniably oppressed European Jews. In a wave of historically inaccurate enthusiasm, these European Jews were linked ances. traily with the Bible's Twelve Tribes of Israel. The Roman holocaust against Bar Khobar at Masada, subsequent annihilation of Jewish communities throughout history and the extermination of six million Jews by Nazi Germany, make this link, in all bot a few cases, highly unlikely. This propaganda campaign has carried on, throughout the subsequent years, unabated and has ignored historical facts in the same consistent manner.

There are members of the present Israeli government who, as members of the "Stern Gang", murdered British soldiers, either directly or indirectly. The purpose of these murders was to enhance the individual's standing within the ranks of his col-

Similarly General George Armstrong Custer is recorded in history and on celluloid as a hero who saved the American West for the settlers and unselfishly gave his life as the ultimate sacrifice. In truth he was an opportunist who murdered Indian women and children and lost his final battle due to conceit and military

Supporters of the former description outnumber supporters of the latter. World opinion has been indelibly forged and tempered

A lasting and a just peace for the Palestinians in the occupied territories will not be consolidated at a conference or a summit. Although it will begin there.

It will be consolidated around the firesides in the houses of the world, when after a lot of soul searching, parents of all nationalities will teach their children the truth and not leave this vital characters-forming task to the omnipresent television with its

An unconsolidated peace treaty between the Israelis and the Palestinians will be broken time and again until the grandchildren of the Israelis are left with a legacy similar to that which was left to the present inhabitants of the United States of America. Teenage suicide, alcoholism, drug abuse, poverty and immorality in high proportion to the population of American Indians, living sham of their traditional lifestyle on remote reservations. No Future, no hope, no self respect, typecast by Hollywood, in the minds of the world as the 'Bad Guys'.

A lasting peace must be supported by the world as a whole. The news media must tell the full truth to give peace a chance in time. Children's ognues of lodgy bave the "Courboys killing the Indians." The games of tourstrow may well have the "Jews killing the Palestinians" with the same ablomb, and Teeling of it being

right and natural.

Palestinians in Lebanon rush to aid uprising Palestinian official at Ain Al Hil-

By Marwan Naamani

Reuler

BEIRUT - A nine-year-old Palestinian boy in Beirut's Shatila refugee camp offered a handful of hullets to his teacher as a donation to the uprising in Israelioccupied territories.

The bullets and an offer by 12 young brothers at Ain Al Hilweh camp to go on suicide missions into Israel are among the more emotional responses in a wave of

Lebanon for the uprising, owned by the Palestine I Many of the 400,000 Palesti-tion Organisation (PLO). nians in Lebanon are stepping throwing brothers who bave been people of Palestine," said a

protesting against Israel in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since De cember 9.

Others march, strike or donate their time to show their hacking for the uprising in which at least 102 Palestinians in the occupied territories have been killed by Israelis. One Israeli soldier has died, shot on March 20 by a Palestinian gunman.

A group of teenage girls too poor to give money is working for snpport now sweeping parts in a month at the Samed charity Lebanon for the uprising. Owned by the Palestine Libera-"Their salary will be directly

weh camp in the South. Thousands of Palestinians at

camps in South Lebanon staged a strike on March 21 and marched in support of the uprising to mark the 20th anniversary of a landmark clash between Palestinian fighters and Israeli troops at Al Karameh, Jordan. The official said other refugees

wanted to belp not just with demonstrations, strikes and burning tyres, but bytgiving money. clothes, people and arms if

Committees grouping all forward to help their stone- transformed into help for the Palestinian factions had been set up inside each of the dozen re-

fugee settlements in Lehanon to collect gifts. "Most of the donations we

receive from people are money and clothes," he said. But other offers perhaps more

graphically illustrate the depth of feeling. Of the 12 boys who volun-

teered to stage suicide attacks into Israel, the official said: "They felt it was their way of contributing to the uprising." "Bullets are the best donation

for my people to fight the Israelis in the West Bank and Gaza: They do not have bullets there," Fatima. a teacher at Shatila quoted Jamai, nine, as saying.

> million or so Palestinians who live of the estimated 5.000-person bureaucracy that runs the organisation, and on broad outlines to

Peter Fair

For Palestinians, PLO is a homeland of the mind

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

TUNIS — Studying a few papers

His Fatch group acts as a govspread out over a barren desk

erning party within a coalinon, with his oversized reading glasses, the "Old Man," as aides call Yasser Arafat, appears serene, almost bookisb, a far cry from the fearsome image of the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisanon.

A scantily furnished office inside a nondescript villa in a Turis suhurh reflects his transient life: a Palestinian with no country, no wife, no permanent office and no home, moving from Arah capital to Arab capital skirting the forces battling him. The PLO he leads is not a political party, not even a unified movement. It suffers from divergent ideologies and many fractious groupings. (srael and several Arah governments have tried to eliminate it. The United States has passed a law that says American officials cannot talk with its representatives. Yet it would be an error to dismiss this balding, 59-year-old man or the PLO. Without them there appears to be little chance of peace between Arabs and Israelis. After 40 years of struggle, Arafat and the PLO have emerged as enduring symbols of the Palestinian quest for nation-

The strength of the PLO is in its diversity. It is neither a classic liberation movement, nor a government in exile. It is a state of mind, "the institutional frame for Palestinian identity," in the words of Ahmed Khalidi, a Palestinian writer who lives in

In times of crisis Palestinians be they intellectuals, millionaires, refugee camp dwellers or gunmen - have reaffirmed their dedication to the PLO and their personal attachment to Arafat. While many independent observers assert that the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza took the PLO by surprise, few would dispute the fact that the organisation has now placed its stamp on the

Arafat the symbol

Most Palestinians are attracted to Arafat for a variety of reasons, the most important of which is that he stands at the intersection of radical and moderate currents within the Palestinian diaspora. He attracts rich Palestinians as well as refugee camp dwellers.

but it gives other factions a voice. Even those who have differed and opposed Arafat for not demanding enough in his quest for Palestinian rights come hack to the same conclusion. "Anyone who opposes Arafat most decide who is the enemy. I ask is the enemy Israel, or Arafat?" said Dr. George Habash, the leader of the second largest PLO group, the Popular Front for the Liberanon of Palestine, in a recent interview in Damascus.

This solidarity with the PLO was manifested few weeks ago when, at Arafat's request, Palestinian moderates refused to meet with United States Secretary of State George P. Shuitz in Jerusalem. The PLO's endurance and Arafat's notoriety do not rest on dedicated intentions alone. For over 20 years, he and the men around him have put together an infrastructure that links Palestimans into a matrix of social and political organisations.

The PLO continues to conduct guerrilla operations, such as the attack two weeks ago on a bus full of civilians in the Negev desert. But the real strength of the organisation lies elsewhere, in the growing and complicated array of social, political, economic and labour union structures it runs. They permeate the lives of the estimated five million Palestimians who are scattered around the world, but most particularly those living inside the Israelioccupied territories and within the Arah World.

Millions for support

Although the PLO is not anthorised by Israel to pump money into various Palestinian institutions in the occupied territories, it has managed to do so. Marwan Barghonth, one of the Palestinian uprising leaders who was expelled recently by Israel, said in an interview that 90 per cent of the student unions in the West Bank and Gaza are controlled by the PLO. Families of those killed or wounded by Israeli soldiers in the uprising receive aid from PLO. Those expelled, like Barghouth and hundreds of other Palestimians before him, can count on the PLO to support them wherever they live.

According to Sami Musallam,

Arafat's office director, the PLO has succeeded, with the coordination of Jordan, "to get money to existing institutions. This has largely helped in developing the infrastructure of the occupied territories in health, education and the commercialisation of agricultural products" for Palestinians. More importantly, it has belped in binding Palestinians to the PLO. The dimension of this help is not a subject the PLO likes to discuss. But in a statement before the Israeli Knesset in 1986, Yitzhak Rahin, the Israeli defence minister, said that in a period of seven months, some \$250 million in aid can be channelled to the occupied territories through Jordan and the Arab countries.

The PLO's ties to Palestinians, and its dependence on them, goes beyond the occupied territories. Today, the PLO runs hospitals in Lebanon, kindergartens in Egypt, plantations in Africa. It finances bundreds of Palestinian students - studying music in Bulgaria, medicine in the Soviet Union, engineering in England, sociology in the United States, law in Egypt, political science in

Palestinians who make little secret of their affinity with the PLO manage many of the daily newspapers, news agencies and television stations in the oil-rich Arab Gulf region. Teachers, doctors, engineers and contractors make up a hefty proportion of the

and work in the Gulf region and tens of thousands of others who live in Egypt, Syria and Libya. Under a law passed by most Arab governments, a 5 per cent income tax is kicked back to the PLO. Just last week, some 30 to 40

Palestinian millionaires and husinessmen flew in from London, Kuwait Paris, Amman, Riyadh, and as far away as Asia and Latin America for a meeting with the "Old Man" here in Tunis. They are memhers of the Palestine National Fund, the PLO's treasury, which manages billions of dollars.

They came for one of their periodic meetings to consult with Arafai on how to draw a new budget that will pay the salaries Times.

finance the network of organisetions that function across the Palestinian spectrum.

Arafat's astonishing hold on these men, most of whom are millionaires many times over, was evident. Once in a while, his men would come into the lobby of the hotel to summon one or more of the Palestinians to see him. There would be a tumnit in the lobby and then the person summoned beaming with excitement, would follow the messengers to another nondescript villa in yet another Tunis suburb where Arafat spent the night - The New York

'We owned the land, we have a greater right' By Nadia Hilab

LONDON - At first, the Palestinian was blurred to Western eyes. Zionists spoke of Palestine as "a land without a people for a people without land." Yet Palestinians outnumbered Jews 10-to-1 in a population of 500,000.

The Palestinian was so obscured from view that, when the state of Israel was created 40 years ago and 700,000 Palestinians became refugees, it was possible for Chaim Weizmann to declare that the region had been "miraculously cleared." The clearing was done by the official Zionist armed forces and by

underground terrorist groups. The "cleared" Palestinians were condemned to exile or to the squalor of refugee camps, unwented. The denial of Palestinian existence continued, as shown by the late Golda Meir's incredible claim that there had never been a Palestinian people.

But speak to any Palestinian over 40 (the younger generation is losing this art) about someone from another part of Palestine, and he will immediately wooder whether this is the same branch of the such-and-such family, or the one who married so-and-so, and pour out information about this town or that village, down to the crops grown. A people so naturally interconnected has no need to build a nation. It is one.

Only in recent years has Israeli officialdom admitted the existence of the Palestinians, although with amazing qualifications. ("The Arabs share the blame for the plight of the Palestinians." Or "many Palestinians are recent arrivals to Palestine.") It is clear why such effort has gone into blanking out the Palestinians: If they exist in Palestine, have rights in Palestine, can the Zionist enterprise be

In fact, only the Israeli colonists in the West Bank and Gaza settlements (erected with fervour by both Labour and Liked; recognised as illegal even by America) are behaving logically. As a settler told the London newspaper The Independent in January, the situation between Jews and Arabs in the territories is not one of right and wrong, but of right and right, and "the Jewish people have-the greater need and the greater right."

That claim to a "greater right" than that of the indigenous inhabitants of Palestine, justified by a "greater need," sums it up. It enables the settlers to continue the process begun by the Zionist settlers in pre-1948 Palestine. And here is the rub: Either what happened in Palestine was right, and today's settlers are right. Or the settlers are wrong, as most people say - but then what the Zionists did in the first place was wrong.

The wrong done in Palestine has never been recognised. Instead, the Palestinians are urged to recognise Israel's "right to exist" before they are allowed even to negotiate. Everyone has a right to exist. What the Palestinians challenge is Israel's right to Palestine.

Discriminated against in Europe, the Jews may well have liad a need for a homeland, but what right did they have to Palestine. A historical right? There were certainly Jews in Psiestine 2,000 years ago, and for many decades there was a Jewish state, as there were many other peoples and states, of whom the Palestinians are probably the closest descendants. That gives no right to turn the

clock back. A legal right? The basis for a Zionist claim is the Ballour declaration, an illegal promise made by Britain, which had no rights in Palestine. Israel was then given legal status by the United (then mostly Western) Nations, which admitted it to the international family - on conditions that have yet to be fulfilled, including the

right of the Palestinian refugees to return. A moral right? Does one people's calamity give it the right to negate another people? Does need really give, in the words of the Israeli settlers, "greater right"? There is implicit recognition that it does not in the insistence that Palestinians recognise "Israeli's right to exist." Force of arms can create facts; only the victim's concession accords rights.

By the same moral argument, the Palestinians cannot now seek a solution that would return the status quo to what if was at the turn of the century, and displace 3.5 million Jews. There is as explicit admission of this in both the PLO's proffered solutions: A secular democratic state, or two separate states, in the land that was

The moral issue is at the core of the Palestinian question. Politics may view it with disdain, but without the conviction that it is wrong to do away with people because they are inconvenient, because of their beliefs, the colour of their skin, the shape of their moses without morality as the basis of human relations, there are no grounds on which to condemn the Rolocaust. And I do:

The writer, a Palestinian journalist based in London, it author of "Woman-power: The Arab Debate on Women at Work" (Cain bridge University Press). The article is reprinted from the Interna-

collective responsibility towards im-

portant developments in the region, and warned from further complica-

The foreign minister said the upris-

ing had propelled the Palestine ques-tion inwards a turning point in the course of the Palestinian struggle

against occupation, increasing

Palestinian people's self-confidence in their struggle until victory. Khalifa described the Iran-Iraq war

as "the epitomy of tragedy plaguing the Islamic Nation." He said the

continuation of the war was a viola-

tion of all principles and values dic-tated by religion. "All of us Muslims are responsible before god and our

lead to a prompt end to this conflict.

Indonesia

the Palestinian uprising was a threat to regional and international peace.

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Nana Sutriena said the U.S.

The Indonesian delegate said that

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in the world."

Islamic World rallies behind Saudi Arabia against threats

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the CHC was exerting serious efforts towards enting the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq and also to extend

Iran and Irag and also to extend meaningful support for the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

He told the lordan News Agency, Petra, that heads of the OIC delegations had expressed all support for all measures being taken by Sandi Arabia in provide protection to the boly places in Mecca during the pilgrimage season.

In his address to the conference, Prince Sand urged Islamic countries to end their internal disputes and mity and work together for serv-

ig Islamic canses: He emphasised his country's support for convening an international conference to resolve the Palestine problem and end the Arab-Israeb

Prince Saud said Israel's intransigence was impeding all efforts for a just and durable settlement and "is to complicate the simation

He condemned Israel's practices against the Arab population as "ter-rorist actions that violate all international principles and laws." He orged Muslim states to help

convene an international conference on the Middle East. Prince Saud said Iran was not satisfied with its confrontation with

Iraq but "is trying to expand the circle of the war by attacking other coun-tries in the Gulf region and endangering international navigation."

Prince Sand said his country "does not want to be hostile to Iran or any

other Islamic state" but was trying to end the war by peaceful means.

At the outset of the Wednesday's ession, Pirzada announced that Saudi Arabia had donated \$10 million to organisations working for the OIC. Tashkiri, the Iranian envoy, said Wednesday that Palestinian protes-ters in the West Bank and Gaza

should emulate Iran's Islamic revolu-Tashkiri said under the leadership of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini Iran destroyed the pro-U.S. regime of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi which he called a "nest of evil." "Our children faced it like the children who are throwing stories in Palestine, who are facing the enemy with his American weapons."

Arab League Arab League representative Adnau. Omran paid tribute to the Palestfuian uprising and echoed the Arab Nation's call for an international confer-

ence on the Middle East. He said the Arab World refuses the idea of "partial settlements," which he said, "caunot meet the require. ments of a durable peace."

Omran also voiced the Arab sup-

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concept of solidarity and pro-

vided a categorical example of it

when it embraced the millions of

refugees from among our Muslim

Afghani brethren and provided

them with shelter, and assistance to mitigate their plight, so that the people of Pakistan may be

said, to quote the well-known

verse in the Koran "to prefer (the

fugitive) above themselves

though poverty be their lot." We

are fully confident, Mr. President, that you will help the pre-

port for all efforts being made at the Islamic level for resolving the

Lebenese crisis and ending Israel's occupation of South Lebenou.
On the Gulf war, Omean referred to the Arab League's efforts to end the conflict and said that the Arabs

tion 598.

Omran voiced the Arab League's support for Saudi Arabia's efforts to provide protection to pilgrims and said that the pilgrimage rites should not be exploited for any other pur-

Libya

Libyan Foreign Minister Jadallah Azzonz Al Talhi said the Palestunian issue was one of the gravest issues in the world and that the crimes committed by the Israeli occupation author-ities in the occupied territories were similar to those committed in South Africa. The racial discrimination, killing, and repressive measures in the sied territories are identical with what is happening in South Africa,

Talhi also called on Iraq and Iran to put an end to their "destructive" war and said its continuation would undermine the Islamic Nation.

Qatar

Qatari Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Sheikh Hamad Ibn Suheim Al Khalifeh praised the speech delivered by His Majesty King Hussein at the conference opening. He noted that the conference agenda had given prominence to challenges facing the Islamic Nation, especially the Palestinian uprising, the Iran-Iraq war and the Afghan problem.

Syria, despite the dangerous decline

in the Arab situation over the past

few years and the distortion of vision

and attempts to change facts and

Sharaa said that in the light of the

uprising, "which is in unity with the continuing struggle in the Golzn and

South Lebanon against the Zionist

enemy, we wonder how could any of

The uprising "has emphasised to the whole world that there will be no

peace except through ending the laraeli occupation in all Arab territor-

ics and that the Palestinian people

will not accept anything short of gaining independence and restoring all national rights."

The Syrian foreign minister ques-

tioned the ability of the United States

to secure Palestinian national rights,

In the light of the tragic conditions

imposed on the occupied Arah terri-tories by the practices of the Zionist

occupation under the very noses of all

those who constantly brandish the slogans of "freedom" and "human rights," I appeal to Your Excellency

to employ your good offices and your special relations with the Ishnic Re-

public of Iran, to put an end to the

bloodshed in the Iran-Iraq war, which

has drained the two countries' human

and natural resources, and weakened

the Islamic community... Iraq has left

no venue for peace unexplored and

the Islamic Nation.

us offer compromises to this enemy

occupied territories was bound to "escalate the level of tension and obstruct efforts aimed at reading a reaceful settlement Syria Nana called on OIC member states to intensify efforts towards reaching a Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Sharaa said there was no doubt that peaceful comprehensive settlement to the Palestine problem through con-

the Palestinian uprising "has rewritvening an international peace conferten the illuminated pages of our nation's history... pages that were never erased from our memories in

North Yemen North Yemeni Representative Mohammad Attar spoke about the situation in the occupied territories and the Gulf region, supporting

efforts being made by the OIC for ending the Gulf conflict.

He said that his country supports efforts for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict through an international con-

Nigeria

The head of Nigerian delegation expressed his country's support for an international conference as "the only feasible means for finding a just settlement for the Palestine question." He also attacked South Africa for its apartheid policies and called on the international community to impose sanctions on the racist regime

when it could not secure the exist neach of the PLO office in the United manned from Miger and in National Property of the Parish of the PLO office in the PLO office of the The Niger it presentative conde-Sharai said Israel could not fool anybody by claiming to seek peace.
"None of the Israeli leaders is without pied territories and said that such measures represent a violation of a long list of nos that make peace in the area impossible," he said. U.N. and international charters.

He also voiced his country's back-

"In view of this situation, I appeal again to your distinguished states-manship, Mr. President, and to the

Islamic Republic of Pakistan, to give

this matter the utmost attention i

deserves, and to resume your good efforts to persuade the Islamic Re-

public of Iran to respond favourably

to the peace efforts, to abide by the will of the Umnah, and to accept

Security Council Resolution 598 as

a historic reconciliation between

those two Muslim countries, which

are linked together by common faith,

acighbourhood, and the intertwined

mutual interests of their respective peoples. Clearly, what is required is

not putting an end to the war of cities

and the attacks on oil tankers in the

Gulf, but putting an end to the war itself on the basis of good neighbourty

relations. This is what the Arab lead-

ers have unanimously agreed upon in

their extraordinary summit held in Amman last November."

the banquet, welcoming Their Maies-

President Zia spoke at the outset of

mum basis for the process of

Bahraini Foreign Minister Moham-mad Ibn Muberak Al Khalifa called on the Arab World to honour its

ing and support of the Palestinian uprising and for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. He condemned the U.S. decision to close PLO mission in the U.N.
The Niger official appealed to Iran and Iraq in end their war and enforce Resolution 598.

tions that may arise from existing regional conflicts. Sudan Referring in the situation in the occupied territories, Khalifa said that Sudan's Issa Mustafa Salameh noted the Palestinian issue had en-tered the "stage of uprising against the Israeli occupation." as in the occupied territories were exposed in an "unpre-cedented oppression, unwimessed in the most racist and terrorist regimes

ne Israeli occupation."

Despite OIC efforts, he added, the Iran-Iraq war is still going on and "we should exert all efforts to find a peaceful settlement to this war. He deplored last year's riots in Mecca and voiced his country's support for Saudi measures to preserve security and order during the pilgrimage.

Mali

The Mali delegate called for Isla-mic unity to face "dangers and

He expressed his country's deep regret over last year's riots in Mecca and voiced Mali's support of mea-sures which would be taken by the Saudi government during this year's

Somalia

Somalia's delegate noted the con-ference was held at a very "critical period dominated by regional and international conflicts worldwide." He hailed the Palestinian uprising and condemned Israel's brutal and inhu-

He voiced support for convening an ioternational peace conference on the The Iran-Iraq war, he said, benefit-

ted only the enemies of Islam. Chad

The head of the Chad delegation voiced his country's condemnation of Israel's continued occupation of Arab lands and voiced support for an international conference to hring peace to the Middle East. He also supported Resolution 598 on the Gulf conflict. The delegate also condemned South Africa's racial discrimination policies.

The Djibouti delegate said the conreace was held at a time when the Islamic Nation was facing "many problems and grave challenges which nder Islamic solidarity."

He said the Palestinian problems was still the main issue of the Islamic Nation and all peace loving nations called for Islamic countries to support the Palestinian uprising and for all international efforts aimed at convening an international peace confer-Same all and

The Lebanese crisis, be said, was part of Israel's expansionist and aggressive schemes in Arab lands. He also expressed his country's concern over the Gulf war.

King calls on Pakistan to resume Gulf peace efforts ties King and Queen and the delegation accompanying them. Zia under-fined Pakistan's support for the Pakes-tine cause and Jordan's endeavours for convening an international Middle

> Pakistan, he said, supports a peace settlement which can guarantee total Israeli withdrawal from Arah territorics, including Arab Jerusalem, and supports the right of the Palestinian people's right in their land. Zis also voiced Pakistan's support for efforts being made to end the Gulf conflict and called on various parties to inten-

sify efforts to achieve that goal.
On Wednesday King Hussein joined Pakistani leaders to review a military parade celebrating Pakistan's National Day.

The King and Queen arrived in Islamabad Tuesday.

Hondreds of schoolchildren chanted "Long live King Hussein" and "Long live Pakistan-Jordan friendship" and a 21-gun sainte boomed out when they arrived.

Mauritania

The Mauritanian delegate also noted that the conference was being held under "very critical circumst-ances and when the Islamic Nation is

facing very grave challenges."

He called for strong Islamic support for the Palestinians in their "heroic uprising against Israel" and called for a unified Islamic stand to advance peace efforts in the Middle

sequences" of the Iran-Iraq war and praised Iraq's readiness to end the war. He said that the enforcement of Resolution 598 was the only way for ending the war. He also expressed regret over last

He warned against the "grave con-

year's riots in Mecca. Bulgarian message

Meanwhile, Butgarian Muslim leaders have sent a message in the conference, denying charges of religious and ethnic persecution of Musims in Bulgaria.

The message, which was channel-led to the conference through the danian Foreign Ministry, came a few hours after an OIC contact group submitted a report to the conference. The report spoke of "violations of the religious rights" of Muslims in Bul-

The Bulgarian message said: We have learned that your meeting will also raise the question about the condition of Muslim Bulgarians. In this connection we would like to inform you that the Bulgarians professing the Muslim faith enjoy complete freedom as guaranteed under the constitution and the law of the

We follow freely our sacred faith and carry out our rituals and traditions as the followers of any other religion do. All the mosques are functioning and the priests are carrying out their services regularly.

There is no such a case the Muslims' rights to carry out religious services and rituals to be restricted in any way. There is no such a case of violation of mosques or other Muslim sacret places or the religious feelings of our brothers to be offended in any way. Nobody has been any time persecuted for his religion. The Bulgarian Mushims are enjoying full rights of Bulga-rian citizens and are completely tak-ing part in the social and economic of the country.

"The authorities are not only undisturbing our religious activities but are assisting us in the maintenance and the repair of our ownerous prayer homes that we are in disposi-

The statements that the Muslim were forced to restore their national names are false. This occurrence which is met in many other countries, is existing in Bulgaria for decades and is carried out on their own free will." Committees concinde work

OIC sub-committees on cultural financial, economic, social, political and information affairs Wednesday concluded deliberations and endorsed resolutions to be included in the conference's final statement. The political committee endorses

resolutions on the situation in the Horn of Africa, the 1986 April American attack on Libya, the situation in Alghanistan and the situation in South Africa.

The financial and administrative sub-committee endorsed measures related to a statistical research centre in Ankara and a technical training centre in Dakka and approved of budgets for Islamic cultural centres in Istanbul and Jeddah.

The economic sub-committee dis cussed topics related to the drought and famine affecting African nations, inter-Islamic trade, and promoting trade and economic cooperation.

The social and cultural sub-committee endorsed resolutions on the establishment of Islamic universities in Uganda, Malaysia and Bangladesh and an Islamic centre in Guinea

The sub-committee voiced support for the work of the Islamic Educa-tional, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) and studied and endorsed a working paper from Jor-dae on combating drugs.

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accepts Red Cross relief plan

SPLA

NAIROBI (R) — The rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) has formally accepted proposals for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to undertake relief operations in war-torn southern Sudan, the ICRC said

Wednesday.
The ICRC was still waiting for the Sudanese government to accept in writing its proposals for relief work in the drought-strick-en area, Paul Mettler, the ICRC representative in Kenya, told a

press briefing.
"The ICRC not long ago submitted a plan of action to the government in Khartoum as well as to the SPLA, an offer to resume its services to the victims in southern Sudan, wherever they are and whoever they may be, Mettler said.

"The reaction hy both sides has been positive, hut we asked both sides to signal their acceptance to us in a more formal way. The SPLA has done so and we are now waiting for Khartoum," he

Mettier said the ICRC plan provided for Red Cross officials to conduct a medical and nutritional survey of southern Sudan, where up to three million people are estimated to be suffering from

food shortages.
The ICRC would then draw up a plan of action which would allow ICRC free movement between government and rebel-held territory to bring assistance to people in their home areas, he

Foreign relief officials in Khartourn said Tuesday that a senior Sudanese government official would travel to Geneva shortly to complete details for the ICRC relief plan with ICRC President Comelio Sommaruga, An estimated two million peo-

ple have fled southern Sudan to escape the fighting, seeking food and refuge in the north of the The SPLA has been fighting

since 1983 to establish a secular state in Sudan and give black Christians and animists from the south a bigger say in central government.

Pro-Iranian cleric urges kidnappings

BEIRUT (R) - A Pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) cleric bas called on his supporters to kidnap more Americans and accused U.N. peacekeeping troops in Lebanon of being a cover for U.S. spics.

In an interview with the Iranian-backed Al Wihda Al Islamiha weekly magazine, published and distributed in the Shi'ite Muslim suhurbs and Sooth Leba-non, Sheikh Suhhi Tufaili was quoted as saying:

"If Muslims can hold the whole American tyrant regime they should do. They should not kidnap only one or two Americans because all the catastrophes that we suffered were caused by America."

Tufaili accused the nine-nation, 5,700-strong U.N. Interim Forces In Lebanon (UNIFIL) of being a cover for American intelligence.

Gemayel revises political proposals

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese President Amin Gemavel has sent Damascus a fresh set of proposals for solving the country's political impasse after Syria's allies in Lebanon rejected his earlier efforts.

Official sources said Wednesday an answer was expected next week from Damascus, Lebanon's main foreign broker, on its views about the new proposals submitted through U.S. diplomatic

channels. The United States, which fears that events in Lehanon could. disrupt its peace drive in the Middle East, has been using its contacts with Syria to try to hring about inter-Lehanese reconcilia-

The independent Al Nahar newspaper Wednesday published text of what it called "President Gemayel's March 7 paper" of new proposals which official sources described as "modified in

words only, but not in principle." The revised paper proposed the formation of a committee of cahinet members to draw up ideas within a set period of time on new reforms for abolishing confessionalism in Lebanon.

In his previous two proposals Gemayel suggested a 12-year period to end confessionalism in the political system which gave the minority Christians more say in government.

Muslims, seeking to overturn the system, rejected Gemayel's earlier suggestions, saying it was not enough to achieve equal pow-er sharing with the Christians who have dominated key state posts since the country's inde-

pendence in 1943. Lebanon's unwritten national convenant of 1943 shares out key posts among the mains sects, stipulating the president should be a Maronite, the prime minister a Sunni Muslim and the speaker of parliament a Shi'ite.

Palace officials said U.S. Amhassador to Lehanon John Kelly visited Gemayel Tuesday and restated Washington's interest in current three-way negotiations aimed at paving the way for presidential elections in Au-

"We have not reached a blocked wall with Damascus and contacts are still underway, the sources quoted Kelly as saying.

Syria to reply to U.S.

(Continued from page 1) bilateral negotiations and agree-

Sharaa rejected the notion that Peres might be willing to reach peace with the Arabs on the basis of a just

and comprehensive settlement to the conflict. He said there had been 'misguided efforts" to give the impression that "Shamir rejects while Peres accepts, while, in reality, Peres does not accept the idea of an independent Palestinian state or withdrawal to pre-67 borders or return of Jerusalem" to the Arabs, "Nor does he intend to give the Palestinians any of their rights," he said. "How can anyone claim that Peres accepts while Shamir refuses?

Sharaa confirmed that Damascus had refused to receive American presidential envoy Philip Habib who visited the region earlier this week. But, Sharaa said, the Syrian stand should not be taken as a rejection of dialogue with the U.S., since Damascas' refusal to receive the envoy came because it did not "trust him."

"Our position towards Habih is that he is not trustworthy," Sharaa said, explaining that Syria had stop-ped dealing with Habib since Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Sharaa said that contacts to improve Syria's relations with the PLO underway, but "until now, we cannot results." Syrian-PLO differences were not based on "personal grudges hut hecause of political stands adopted by some PLO leaders."

Sharaa said Syria remained committed to strict adherence of its support for the Palestinian people and heir rights.

"Syria has carried this burden and will continue 10 do so." Sharaa said. "Our stand is that no hargaining over Palestinian rights."

Asked whether a receot speech by Syrian President Hafez Al Assad indicated that Damascus might be willing to accept bilateral negotiations and only one half of the statement. The other half is that how can Syria refuse any realistic plan for a peaceful and fair settlement of the Palestinian problem with guarantees for the Palestinian people's rights?"

agreements between some Arab

states and Israel, Sharaa said: "This is

Replying to questions on the Syrian role in Lebanon, Sharaa said a solution would continue to clude the strife-torn country as long as "no common ground of understanding is reached among the various factions and no guarantees are provided for constitutional and political reform in the country." He declined to say whom Syria would support in the forthcoming presidential elections in

On the Iran-Iraq War, Sharaa would only say that Syria was concerned over "the developments in the war and anxious to contain its spil-

Answering a Jordan Times ques-tion over his recent statement that Britain did not see eye to eye with the Arabs over peace efforts, Sharaa said he did not join an Arah League delegation which visited the British capital as part of the Arah effort to seek international support for the Palestinian uprising since Syria does not have diplomatic relations with Britain. However, he said Syria received reports indicating that "Britain proposals carried by the committee.

However, France, he said, "gave constructive and positive viewpoiots over the proposed international conference and Israeli withdrawal of occupied territories."

He added that both the Soviet Union and China shared identical

views with the Arabs.
Asked about Syrian-Iraqi relations
after the extraordinary Arah Summit held in Amman last November, Sharaa said: "There are no (reconcilia-tion) efforts now." However, he said Syria was refraining from "replying to the hostile media campaign from Baghdad."

Israeli army detains hundreds of Arabs

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Wednesday.

"If the situation continues, it will have a significant impact on Israel's economy," she quoted Yacohi as telling Israeli economic

In an underground leaflet circulated in Gaza, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) announced payments would be made to those who lost family members, property or jobs as a result of the clashes with Israeli soldiers.

Pakistan: Moscow should not set terms

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bloody civil war" in Afghanistan. Burden on Pakistau million a day for their national exist-ence — \$350 to \$400 million a year out of our own resources and Pakis

Pakistan, on opposition parties and everybody in the country." 'It should be guaranteed that a settlement should be negotiated to return refugees to their homeland. It should be guaranteed by the U.N. and the international community to stop the bloodshed we had for eight

part of the Mujahedeen that towards the end when the world sits together at the negotiating table, their legitimate aspirations, their struggle, will be compromised or bargained away in the framework of global strategy," he

"We are not prepared at this late stage after holding up this issue to bargain away or compromise on the rights and aspirations of the Mujaho-deen and the Afghan people," he

Stand on Afghan government In reply to a question on the Mujahedeen's call on Moscow for direct talks, Haq said: "The response

(from Moscow) should be to the Mujahedeen, not Pakistan. We have great admiration for the role they played. They are the real heroes of Afghanistan. They have their aspira-tions... the dest of their aspirations is

the real will of the people to give whatever role they offer to the Mu-"It is not up to us or anybody else to accept or reject any proposals," he said. "It is ultimately up to Afghan people to give Mujahedeen the role

future settlements." On Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) recognition of the transitional government set up by the Mnjahedeen, Haq said: "Our stand is clear. The organisation should recognise the government chosen by Afrikari specific properties." Afghani people, according to Geneva (conventions) and return of refugees to their homeland. These five million refugees have to choose their own government. A representative government could emerge only after the return of refugees and whole population of Afghanistan.. then it could choose its government which the OIC

Haq also denied an indirect Iraquallegation that it was helping the organised emigration of Iranian Jews to Israel via Pakistani territory. "There is no such question that Pakistan will ever condone an

arrangement whereby there will be a lewish repatriation to Israel," Haq "We are on record opposing... any such move which upsets the belance of population there and upsets the rights of the Palestinian people," he said.

Had said his country, which bor ders Iran, should not be "maligned"

"For us, the situation is simple A solution based on the U.N.

to live in peace." Atakol reaffirmed that the Turkish-Cypriots would only accept guarantees from Turkey for the implementation of any agreement that might be reached.

Vassiliou's recent announcement of a "peace offensiv" and calls for Minister Turgut Ozal. "If Mr. Vassiliou wants to solve the probdent, Rauf Denktash, and not with an outside party," he said. "The problem is between the Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypnots and only negotiations between the two parties could lead

Atakol welcomed the recent improvement in relations between Turkey and Greece which almost went to war last year over the Aegean Sea. He expressed hope that "the positive atmos-phere in Dayos and Brussels (where Ozal and Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou met and launched the reconciliation) will extend to Cyprus."

Replying to other questions,

- The Turkish-Cypriot republic "is a reality and it will remain to be one whether it secures international recognition now or later." The republic has trade links with 72 countries, including the European Community, the U.S. and Arab states.

Amman conference) to seek for-Islamic states in every sphere."

Baghdad hit

(Continued from page 1) minal in the northern Gulf.

Iran claims at least 5,000 Kurds

Iraq has denied previous charges that it used chemical weapons.

Kamal Kharrazi told a news con-

ference Iran might retaliate with

chemical weapons

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in territory seized by Iranian were killed by poison gases which it says Iraq used against Halabja and neighbouring villages after Iranian forces seized the area.

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his country's delegation to the conference of Islamic foreign ministers in Amman, Pakistan's acceptance of the Soviet offer in Geneva will herald "a

Haq said: "We are spending \$1 tan is a poor country. We are at the same time faced with the situation where those Afghan refugees are cut down, most of their land frozen (sic) - livestock is disappearing. This could be a real physical burden for

years," he said. "I realise there is an auxiety on the

N. Cyprus says U.N. plan 'bottom line'

(Continued from page 1) plan and on political equality between Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots," Atakol said. "It is either this or two separate states. We want is to be left alone

The foreign minister of the self-styled republic dismissed direct talks with Turkish Prime lem, he should talk to our presi-

mal recognition. We are here to inform the Islamic World of our existence and the realities in Cyprus. We are also seeking to initiate broader relations with the

at Tehran's Kharg Island oil ter Iran renewed charges Wednes-day that Iraq used chemical arms

Iraq's Ambassador in London Mohammad Al Mashat told British television that Iran, not Iraq, had bombed the Halabja area.



U.N. survey shows slow growth in economies of USSR, East Europe

GENEVA (R) - Soviet Bloc economies, after 1990 five-year economie plans, expanding strongly in 1986, slowed down last year due mainly to a fall in farm output, weak demand for exports and lagging efficiency, United Nations economists said Wednesday.

The annual economic survey for 1987-88 by the secretariat of the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) said the Soviet economy grew by 2.3 per cent in 1987, compared with 4.1 per cent in the previous year.

Performances varied among its six East European partners — Bulgaria, Czeehoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania — but growth for this group as a whole dropped to 3.2 per cent from 4.6 per cent in

Bad weather considerably damaged crops in 1987 and. although farm production rose slightly in the Soviet Union, it dropped by 0.6 per cent in the other communist states taken

Demand for exports fell. and efforts to improve economic effirieory failed to produce expected gains, the survey said.

There was no success in re-

ducing energy and raw material consumption per unit of output as projected. The engineering branch was mainly responsible for shortfalls in the production and delivery of equipment which had been expected to boost efficiency in other branches," the survey said.

The outlook for the communist bloc in 1988 envisaged an increase in growth of a little more than three per cent, it added.

All seven countries would need to make big efforts to catch up lost momentum in the remaining years of their respective 1986and some plan targets might be already out of reach, it added.

The 34-nation ECE, which groups all Europeao nations together with the United States and Caoada, said East-West trade stagnated in 1987. Future prospects remained dull, although economic reforms in Soviet Bloc states were aimed at increasing export incentives, the

The Soviet Union, seeking to compensate for collapsed prices for its oil, and for U.S. dollar depreciation, cut Western imports by 10 per cent in the first nine months of 1987, while increasing exports to the West, mainly crude oil and natural gas, by five per cent - far short of a 21 per cent jump in 1986.

Moscow's East European partners increased Western exports by only one per cent, and also

prolonged import restraints. Total Soviet bard currency debt rose to about \$25 billion at the end of 1987 from \$23 billion in 1986, while that of its six allies climbed to an estimated \$75 billion from \$65 billion. Depreciation of the dollar exchange rate was the main reason for the increases, the survey said.

Balance of payments con-straints, imposed by stagnating exports, present Eastern decision

makers with several problems. On the one hand, boosting import growth would cause a deterioration in the current account and require the acceptance of a higher level of indebtedness. On the other hand, restraints on imports are likely to hinder domestic economic growth and the modernisation drive.

"The latter is of key importance if the East is to improve its export capacity, reverse the decline in its international competitiveness, and move towards the goal of currency convertibility,"

UNCTAD urges scrapping old ships, curbing new orders to ease surplus

cld ships should be scrapped and that governments should spend less money subsidising new construction to end a 10-year-old shipping surplus.

That surplus bas kept freight rates low. But for many oations. building and operating ships have been keystones of their develop-

ment programmes. The world bas about one-fifth more ships than it needs, and about 30 per cent too much sbipbuilding capacity, according to the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

tions agency said Tuesday that sels, and to study viability and feasibility before giving subsidies for new construction." UN-CTAD Shipping Committee Chairman Hugo Sommerkamp Bernales of Peru said.

But reaching that agreement was a major compromise, said an UNCTAD spokesman. Delegates from 86 nations met for nine days before agreeing on this programme.

Industrialised nations bad retreated from their earlier position that UNCTAD, the main U.N. body concerned with Third World economic development. "We are urging states to give had no mandate to discuss ship-

GENEVA (R) - A United Na- incentives for scrapping old ves- building problems, the spokes-

Developing nations compromised by dropping an earlier call for formal guidelines of concerted action to cut the shipping surplus, the spokesman said.

The UNCTAD agreement asks countries to consider offering incentives for scrapping ships and recommended restraint in ordering new ships without viable commercial prospects.

It said it "recognises the close interrelationship between ship-ping and shipbuilding developments, and urges governments, governmental institutions, banks, international and regional finan- greatly reduced," he added.

cial institutions and the shipbuilding industry to refrain from financing arrangements for ship purchases without studies concerning viable commercial employment prospects."

But a delegate from the International Chamber of Shipping, Chris Horrocks, told the session the UNCTAD assessment was unduly pessimistic.

"Not only bave some freight rates improved and idle tonnage awaiting work decreased, but the availability of finance for new buildings and the very incautious and excessive subsidising of shipyards by governments is today

Mazda U.S. branch blasts American suppliers of parts

ANN ARBOR, Micbigan (R) — assemble plants at its Flat Rock. The bead of Mazda Motor Corp's Micbigan, plant are American. U.S. subsidiary harshly criticised its American parts suppliers Tuesday, saying U.S.-made parts defects than their Japanese couo-

terparts. president of USA Corp, told an auto industry

Micbigan, plant are American. He said he would like to raise that to 70 per cent.
"To the Japanese, defective

have three to five times more parts are a kind of a shame and a sin. Americans believe it is inevitable to have defects — they take the attitude that if anything is Mazda Motor Manufacturing wrong, we will replace it," he said at the International Automotive conference bere that about half Industry Conference at the Unithe car parts Mazda uses to versity of Michigan.

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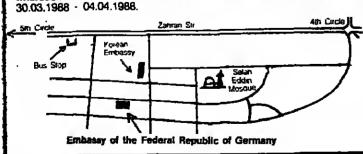
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IMF advises South Korea to speed won's appreciation

SEOUL (AP) - An Internation- mission was to release a report on al Monetary Fund (IMF) mission predicts a huge current account surplus for South Korea and is suggesting the country accelerate the revaluation of the won against the U.S. dollar, sources said Wedoesday.

The government sources, st eaking on condition of anonymity, said the IMF team expected Korea to post a current account surplus of more than \$10 billion this year, higher than the \$7 billion envisaged by the govero-

Officials at the finance ministry refused comment but said the



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its consultations oo the Korean ecocomy before its departure in a

The sources said the mission also disagreed with the government on Korea's economic growth rate for this year, projectterms.

The government economic management plan calls for eight per cent economic growth for the

Under an agreement with the United States, South Korea is committed to adjusting the value of the won through consultations with the IMF, which is seen as a neutral party.

Washington has been pressing Seoul to let the won appreciate rapidly, reportedly by as much as 15 per cent, and take other market measures to belp reduce the U.S. trade deficit with Korea, which rose to nearly \$10 billion last year.



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Officials of Arab Mining Company, IDB hold talks

AMMAN (Petra) — Arab Mining Company Director General Thabet Al Taher met here Wednesday with Islamic Development Bank President Ahmad 'Ali to discuss cooperation between the bank and the company.

The company serves as a technical advisor to the bank in mining projects being implemented in Arab and Islamic countries. Both the bank and the company have capital investments in several industrial and miniog schemes among which are the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company and the Arab Potash Company near the southern tip of the Dead Sea.

Seminars in Zarqa review banking, agricultural policies

ZARQA (Petra) — A seminar was held here Wednesday to discuss loans given by banks to finance purchases of real estate and housing

Delegates discussed relations between the banks and the commercial sector and means of offering credit facilities for the both aforementioned purposes.

Taking part in the seminar were the president and members of the Zarqa Chamber of Commerce, the regional director of the Housing Bank in Zarqa and other officials. A seminar on agricultural development was also held in Zarqa

Participants, who incinded agricultural engineers, officials and specialists coocerned with the development of Zarqa River, discussed agricultural patterns systems which aim to facilitate marketing of

Egyptian bankers to visit Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation from Egyptian banks is due here in the coming month to seek investments in major Egyptian projects and to orient Egyptian workers bere on incentives and privileges offered by the Egyptian government to foreign capital investments in

Egypt.

The Egyptian delegation will be meeting with Jordanian businessmen to discuss investments and economic cooperation.

Tabbaa meets ICTD director

AMMAN (Petra) — Industry, Trade and Supply Minister Hamdi Tabbaa met in his office Wednesday with Idris Alawi, the director of the Islamic Centre for Trade and Development (ICTD).

They discussed matters related to the Islamic trade exhibition which will be set up in Cairo in October, with the participation of Jordan and other Islamic countries.

Meeting in Amman

The two officials discussed means of promoting the sale of Islamic countries' products and the steps to be taken for a meeting which will held next year in Amman to discuss this subject. Matters related to the unification of custom tariffs and the removal

of custom barriers among Islamic countries were also discussed at the

Nickel prices hit record high

LONDON (R) - Nickel prices jumped \$400 a tonne to a record \$19,200 in Loodoo Wednesday, as stainless steel makers continued to snap up whatever metal they could find, traders said.

This heavy buying bas boosted the prices of other anti-corrosion metals such as chrome and molybdenum, also used to make steel

European producers of zinc, used to make galvanised steel among other processes, raised prices by \$50 to \$970 a tonne Wednesday. That is the highest European producer price since July, 1984.

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Wednesday, March				
23, 1988.	Number	Volume	Contracts	
Regular market:	218410	JD 322553	374	
Top three companies: Bank of Jordan Arab Aluminium	2324	JD 37429	8	
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Parallel market:	20708	JD 12895		
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One U.S. dollar

U.S. dollar Canadian dollar 1.2450/60 Deutschemarks Dutch guilders 1.9020/30 Swiss francs 1.4020/30 Belgian francs 35.39/44 French francs 5.7540/70 1253/1254 Italian lire Japanese yen 126.88/98 Swedish crowns 5.9710/60 Norwegian crowns 6.3680/3730 Danish crowns 6.4950/5000 449.60/450.10 U.S. dollars One ounce of gold

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY - Shares resumed their upward trend as Australian institutions made their buying presence felt in the industrial sector. The All Ordinaries index closed 6.1 points up at 1,427. TOKYO - Shares were higher on bargain-bunting from Tuesday's 120-point fall, with sentiment boosted by a stable dollar. The Nikkei index rose 52.48 points to 25,895.23.

HONG KONG - Stocks closed sharply lower on speculative selling triggered by rumours that the Hong Kong Association of Banks will soon raise interest rates. The Hang Seng index dropped 32.89 points to 2,561.91. SINGAPORE - Share prices rebounded in the afternoon to close

marginally higher over a broad front on some speculative buying interest and bargain-bunting. The Straits Times industrial index rose 3.65 points to 961.50. BOMBAY - Share prices were subdued in poor trading with end

of account considerations affecting sentiment. Tata Steel dropped 1.25 rupees to 632.5, Associated Cement and Larsen eased one each to 139 and 80, respectively. FRANKFURT — Leading German share prices closed slightly

easier than Tuesday and off their early highs after a series of rumours hit the car sector. Commerzbank's 60-sbare index, set at mid-session, rose to 1,447.5 from 1,436.7. ZURICH - The stock market closed little changed on increased

volume. The Swiss All Share index was up 4.3 to 854.8 points. PARIS - Share prices firmed slightly on the last day of the bourge accounting month, little affected by news President Matternod will run again. The bourse indicator posted a 0:26 per cent gain early in the main sessioo.

LONDON - The market remained dull but share prices were slightly above their lowest levels as the week's lacklustre trend cootinued. At 1530 GMT; the FTSE 100 index was 5.7 points lower at 1.829.7.

NEW YORK - Stocks were mixed after reports on the consumer price index and revised GNP figures which analysts called neutral. The Dow 30 index slipped two points in moderate trading.

Turkey hopes to pump water to Arab states

BAHRAIN (R) — An ambitious project to pump drinking water from Turkey to the Middle East and Gulf is drawing positive responses from arid Arab states, a senior Turkish official said

black colour.

But the official added that on top of the interest, government decisions were needed to get the project started.

The project, dubbed the "peace pipeline," aims to pump six million cubic metres of water daily from Turkey by pipelines to Svria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait. Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

A group of Turkish officials are touring Gulf states to promote the project and encourage a full feasibility study.

NOOR AL HUSSEIN FOUNDATION

The National Music Conservatory of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation will begin a 13-week Harmony Course starting Monday, April 4, 1988 (two evening sessions per week). The course is designed to take the student, with a good understanding of the Rudiments of Music, up to four-part harmony and composition of a melody; the standard equivalent to Grade VI - Associated Board.

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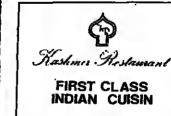
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far, the officials expressed great interest and I am very hopeful for the future of the project," Nacati Utkan, deputy director general of economic affairs at the Turkish foreign ministry told Reuters.

He said that Turkey had contacted Syria. Jordan, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain so far this year and the group would also travel to Qatar, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

"Turkey feels that if the coun-



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tries in the region are linked with "In the countries we visited so economic ties like this pipeline, this would help promote peace as

well as boosting economic growth and welfare," Utkan said.
"Furkey is committed to the project, but all depends on the political decisions at government. level in these countries." The project, first mooted in

1986, involves pumping water from the southern Turkish rivers of Seyhan and Ceyhan with two pipelines — one 2,700 kilometres long to the west coast of Saudi Arabia and another 3,900 kilometres to Oman.

Construction is estimated to take eight to 10 years and officials have quoted the cost at up to \$21

Utkan said with the initial approval of all states, a full feasibility study would be conducted by the U.S. Brown and Root Company to determine technical details and the price.

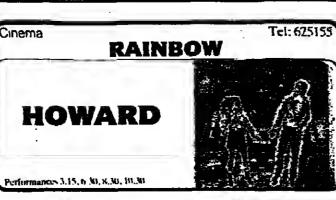
"Financing of the project would be discussed after the feasibility study is conducted. A consortium of states and financial institutions is necessary to tackle such a buge project," he said.

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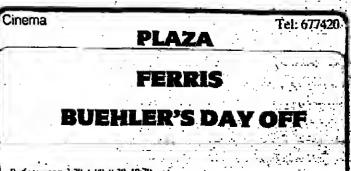
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India will not play against Israel

not play its scheduled Davis Cup-tennis de against Tsrael in Tel Aviv to protest against the Israeli atrocities on the Palestiniaris, Prime Minister Rajiv Asian regional group. Gandhi told parliament

Gandhi, quoted by the Press Trust, of India, said India had played sporting fixtures against Israel in the past and would contime to play in the future, but a government spokesman added that a principled decision had been made on this occasion because of events in the Israelioccupied territories.

India, besten finalists in the 1987 Davis Cup, lost to Yugoslation (ITF) said under Davis Cup via in the first round of this year's rules India's refusal to play the tie competition and was due to play Israel in Tel Aviv from April 7-9 in a world group relegation relegation to the Asian zone in playoff.

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

There may be many delays and obstacles which will interfere with

your progress, so deal with them calmy and maintain an optimistic attitude. Handle your family and property matters sensibly.

ARIES (Mer. 21 to Apr. 19 Don't

ARIES (Mer. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't let an out-of-town matter keep you from following through with plans you have already made. Enjoy the company of your friends tonight.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Use special cars in handling financial and property matters today, and enjoy a relaxing hobby with some of your friends tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)
Study the position of an associate

Study the position of an associate before making any changes If

reason is used on both sides, the situation could be saved.

Jul. 21) Don't try to push a co-

worker into making an unnecessarily quick decision. Don't allow any

delays to impet you today.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You may
be disappointed by a friend today,
but tonight should be a very roman-

tic time for you. Be sure to drive

with great care this evening. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You

will run into many delaying prob-lems if you are overly-sensitive to

let criticism roll off your back. You

may have to bandle some home and

town matter, or you will become terribly confused. Finish up any im-portant reports or statements. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

You may find it difficult to keep a

promise you have made, so try to arrange a postponement. Don't let

our mate's mood confuse you. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

Jul. 21) Instead of letting an older

person impose his views on you, follow your own ideas. Don't get in-

volved in any arguments tonight. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Be very conscientious in handling your

work today, and gain some fine benefits. Try to establish better relations with your co-workers. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) This is not a good day to take any risks

rk from a co-worker; so just

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1988

may be confused about practical of a case of an important credit matter, fairs this manning, so hendle them carefully, invite some interesting friends into your home tonight.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Dou't get involved in an out-of-town matter, or you will become

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Plan a trip to see a family friend who means much to you, as he or she will appreciate it and the change of pace will do you good.

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FORECAST-FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1988

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From the Carroll Righter Institute

NEW DELTH (R) - India will ... The organisers had earlier refused an Indian request to shift the tie to a neutral venue. By refusing to play, India will automatically be relegated to the

> Government spokesman K.R. Narayanan said India, a strong supporter of the Palestinian cause, had taken the decision alone and before receiving a memorandum from Arah ambassadors in New Delhi.

But he added that the decision was consistent with Indian policy and had been appreciated by the Arah countries.

In London, a spokeswoman for the International Tennis Federawould bring a suspension from the competition for 1989, and

Forget your bome worries for a while, and be with friends who ere cheerful and will lift your spirits.

Show more affection for your mate. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Plan

your schedule this morning so you will have time to handle both per-

sonal and business affairs. Tonight

is a good time for entertaining. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If

you expect others to keep their

promises to you, be sure to do the same for them. You can make a valuable new friend today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Don't allow an acquaintance to

deter your progress in business, but be tactful with this person. Have a romantic evening with your mate. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

Your work may seem endless today, but persevers and get it done. A sensitive friend can make your

vening happy and constructive. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

This is a good day to give your full

attention to your work, so delay that amusement you had planned.

Clear up a spat with a co-worker. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Get

out into the world early today and

accomplish a great deal. This will

help you to forget about that an-

noying situation at home for now.

which could put you behind the eight hell. Stick to the tried-and-true methods in your work. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You can ask a superior for a favor and

get it without any trouble after

21) Your financial situation is in a

very delicate condition, so get some

parliament by K.R. Narayanan. minister of state for science and technology, was as follows:

"(The Indian) government have consistently supported the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to an independent state in their homeland.

"Government have been deeply concerned by and have condemned the hrutal repression by the Israeli authorities of unarmed Palestinians in the occupied terri-

"Consistent with India's solidarity with the Palstinian cause India will not play Israel in the

(AP) — Michael Fay gazed at his new America's Cup yacht New Zealand and smiled a satisfied

The 90-foot (27-metre) waterline challenger for yachting's biggest prize is to be officially launched Sunday with much pomp

ter Reece.

Fay, a merchant banker, arrived in a tiny tender from his offices across Auckland harbour, took off his jacket and began Davis Cup off match scheduled to looking closely at the progress be held in Tel Aviv in April." that has been made on the boat.

Maradona to play in W.Germany

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentine star Diego Maradona will play with the world champion national soccer squad in a four-way tournament in West Germany beginning later this month, coach

Carlos Bilardo said Tuesday. Bilardo said Maradona, the team captain, and defender Jose Luis Brown had confirmed that they would play in the tournament with West Germany, the Soviet Union and Sweden.

The coach said be would name the rest of the team Wednesday

night after local league matches. He said his side would include most of the players from Argentina's 1986 World Cup squad although forward Jorge Valdano and midfielder Jorge Burruchaga, both playing for foreign clubs, would not be available.

"New video game! Every time the bank screws up your account, you get to blow the place up! JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee Unscramble these four Jumbles, Gotta pick up the kid at school

one letter to each square, to form 1/8; NIROY ---DITAU -2115 HE HATED TO TAKE CEVIED HIS CAR OUT IN SUCH WEATHER ALTHOUGH THEY CALLED IT THIS.

Now arrange the circled letters to torm the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrowi

start trying to change it. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Try to create a more cooperative at-mosphere at your workplace, and you can all become much more effi-RENUNG cient and anccessful. AQUARIUS Uan. 21 to Feb. 199

This morning may start rather slowly, but you can secomplish a great deal today. Be helpful if your co-workers are in doubt. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 29) You

may be in doubt about trying to get your talents across to others this morning, but you can succeed with a little help from your good friends.

Fay takes final look at New Zealand

The yacht, which was built in

24 weeks, is to sail against the San

Diego Yacht Cluh's defender in a

September.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand waist, all hut ignored their boss and continued working industriously. smile.

and ceremony. However, there was little cere-

mony Wednesday as Fay in-spected the boat along with New Zealand governor-general Sir Pe-

members of the news media allowed inside the strict security of Devonport naval base to watch

final preparations.
"You forget the magnitude of this sometimes," said Fay, as he stared at the huge mast. Auckland, often called the

"city of sails" because of its natives' love of sailing, is preparing a huge party to celebrate the official launching of New Zealand.

The launch festivities will feature a run expected to attract 50.000 contestants and a onehour ceremony that will be televised live in New Zealand, Australia and the United States, officials said.

A Salamanazar, a nine-litre (quart) bottle of champagne, will

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ate Adam Meredith, one of the all-

time greats, was a proponent of

opeoing three-card majors, espe-

cially in spades. This hand from a

pair event illustrates what can hap-

The one-spade opening hid was typical Meredith. After North cue-

bld, South had oo option but to in-

froduce one of his minor suits, and

he had nowhere to go when North

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GOREN BRIDGE

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The crew, many stripped to the be_used to christen the boat. . Thousand of small craft are expected to dot Auckland Harbour for the launch, while Jazz. Bands are to play at the guay. Also planned are aerobatic displays and traditional New Zea-

land Maori war dances. one-on-one series for the cup off The New Zealand, constructed the California Coast in of a carbon compound used in the aerospace industry, weighs about the same as a traditional 12-metre An Associated Press reporter and photographer were the only class America's Cup yacht, but has three times the surface area.

Fay's last cup challenger, Kiwi Magic, lost to Dennis Conner's San Diego Yacht Club entry Stars and Stripes in the Challenger finals off Fremantle, Australia, last year.

Fay's Mercury Bay Boating Club forced the SDYC into a early defence of the cup with a legal challenge based on a literal interpretation of the deed of gift, a 100-year-old document that governs the competition. A U.S. court ruled last year in

favour of Fay's challenge for a big boat competition in 1988, scuttling plans for a 1991 regatta in 12-metre yachts, the class that has been used to decide the America's Cup for the past 30 years.

corrected to four spades. He could

only hope his partner would pro-

duce at least four cards in the suit.

of hearts, Declarer did not like his chances much, but he west for broke. He ruffed the third heart and

successfully ran the jack of trumps,

When both defenders followed 10

the oext two rounds of trumps, there was a gleam of light. Now all

declarer needed was a successfut

club finesse and for East to have the

Declarer crossed to the table with

a diamood and led the jack of clubs

for a finesse. When that won, he re-

verted to diamonds. Since East had

the remaining trump and was out of

hearts, declarer could lose only one

more trick and the cootract was

home with the help of two finesses,

a 4-3 trump split and a heart posi-

tion which could be expected from

North-South cards, and those who did played in diamonds for a score

of 400. Our declarer collected 420,

for an absolute top on the board.

three-card majors as the wave of the

future. But "a rouch of Meredith"

now and then certainly does add a

bit of spice to the game.

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only trump left in the game.

West attacked with three rounds

Evert advances to Players semifinals

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida (R) - Second-seeded American Chris Evert, 33, survived a two-and-ahalf-hour struggle with fifth seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia to join three teenagers in the semifinals of the \$2.1 million International Players Championships Tuesday.

Evert came back after dropping a thrilling and emotionally draining first set tiehreak 8-10 to beat Sukova 6-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Eighteen-year-old world numher one Steffi Graf, the top seed and defending champion, powered her way past fellow West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch 6-3, 6-1 in a quarter-final earlier

Tuesday. Graf's semifinal opponent will be 18-year-old Stephenie Rehe. who rallied to upset ninth-seeded fellow American Barhara Potter, a lefthanded serve-volleyer, 5-7,

Evert will play 16-year-old local favourite Mary Joe Fernandez. The 15th-seeded Fernandez eliminated unseeded South African Elna Reinach 6-2, 6-3 Tuesday afternoon.

Evert, who had lost to Sukova in their previous two meetings, fought hard from the baseline in the first set with the players exchanging breaks in the fifth and sixth games.

Sukova mixed her shots well keep the second seed guessing. set points and took a 7-6 lead. Evert then saved a set point with a stunning backhand loh to the haseline.

Sukova fought off a third set point before she finally seized the tiebreak 10-8 with an ace on her second set point.

The intensity of the struggle continued in the second set which Evert 100k with breaks in the seventh and 11th games. Sukova seemed to lose some

spirit in the third set, dropping serve to trail 3-2 as Evert retrieved a series of apparent winners to take the fifth game with a hlazing hackhand pass on the run.

Evert held onto that advantage and served out the match when Sukova mishit a forehand deep. "The umpire and linespeople weren't fair at all," a teary-eyed Sukova complained after the

"At crucial times in the match, they supported her 100 hundred per cent," she said.

Evert disagreed. "I thought the officiating was and changed the pace often to okay," Evert said. "Bad calls never turned the match around. Evert took a 6-4 lead in the It was a good quality match and I tiehreak, hut Sukova saved two just gutsed it out."

Olympic champion Boitano peaks to stay on top

Figure-skating Championships and has no trouble getting himself enthusiastic about another competition so soon after the Olympics, where he won the gold

However, American pair champions Jill Watson and Peter Oppegard are in a dogfight to stay at the level they showed at the Olympics, where they gained the bronze medal.

They were in fourth place following the pairs short programme heading into Wednesday night's final portion.

Boitano starts the compulsory figures of the men's event where

BUDAPEST (AP) — Olympic he is out to regain the world title. champion Brian Boitano takes He won the crown in 1986, then the ice Wednesday for the World lost it to Canadian Brian Orser. "I don't have any trouble neak-

> ing for this again. I have peaked as many as four times in other years," Boitano said. "In fact I insist on a peak every day in oractice and try to insist on a programme like I did at the Olympics.

At the Olympics, Boitano skated a perfect programme to win the "battle of the brians," a term that Boitano has grown weary of.
"After two weeks of the hattle

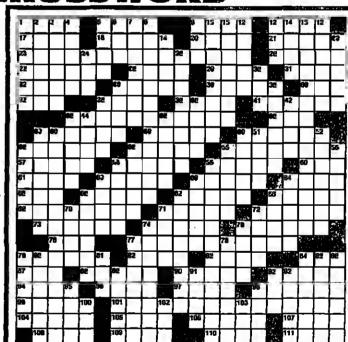
of the hrians' at the Olympics, L think people must be tired of it. Boitano said.

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Last Week's Cryptograms

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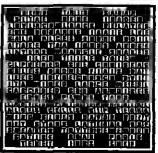
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—By Barbara J. Rugs





Peanuts

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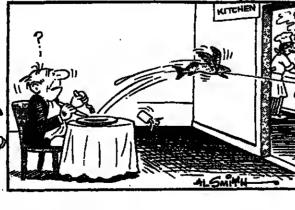
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Answer: He is wearing a nice new suit but his dog only

Mutt'n' Jeff







Andy Capp









U.S. threatens new moves aimed at ousting Noriega

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The United States is holding out the threat of more economic sanctions to help oust Panamanian military strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega as a general strike grips the strategic Central American nation.

Tuesday that no new decisions were pending on tightening the U.S. financial squeeze on Panama as he hailed a strike that has virtually shut down the country's economy.

But he was also at pains to point out that Washington had more economic weapons in its arsenal. which he would not reveal, to get rid of a man indicted in two U.S. contts on drug-running charges.

"We continue to consider trade sanctions and other options." he said after brusquely dismissing Noriega's conditional offer to retire as head of the Panamanian Defence Force (PDF).

Such a step would leave Noriega in actual control of the Panamanian Defence Forces." Fitzwater said.

"Fox out of the hen house"

"The proposal is like getting the fox out of the hen house, then giving him quarters next door."

U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified, said Washington

TEGUCIGALPA (R) — U.S.

war games in Honduras will start

winding down at the weekend, a

U.S. emhassy spokesman said

The spokesman and Honduran

officials could not confirm a re-

port on U.S. television that Presi-

dent Reagan told Honduran Pres-

ident Jose Azcona Hoyo hy tele-

phone the six-day-old "Golden

Pheasant" exercise would he

phased out beginning at the

But he said it was safe to

The American troops con-

Azcona told reporters earlier in

the day he did not know when the

fire from opposition parties,

would end hut he helieved it

tinued war games at four loca-

tions, two of them close to the

Nicaraguan border.

would be soon.

assume they would be winding down significantly during the

U.S. military

exercises to

wind down

Tuesday.

weekend.

White House spokesman Mar-still believed the only solution to lin Fitzwater stressed to reporters the Panamanian crisis was for Noriega to leave the country and that it was only a question of time before he did so.

The officials said Washington was exerting diplomatic pressure on other countries not to extend loans to the Noriega regime. strapped for cash because of a U.S. clamp on the flow of dollars Panama uses as its national cur-

In addition to its economic squeeze. Washington also appears to be encouraging Noriega's junior officers to oust him. Fitzwater Tuesday repeated that U.S. relations with the defence force would be fine once Noriega left.

He did not answer directly when asked if Washington was encouraging another coup attempt in Panama. "We want to make it clear that our disenchantment with Noriega does not extend to the institution." of the

PDF was all he would say. According to a participant in an abortive coup against Noriega last week, the Panamanian leader

has gone to extraordinary lengths to undercut the U.S. financial squeeze he says is part of a Washington-engineered plot to renege on its treaty commitment to hand over control of the Panama Canal at the end of 1990.

Major Augusto Villalaz told a Washington news conference he flew to Cuba two weeks ago on Noriega's orders to pick up a Cuban arms shipment along with \$50 million in cash from Libya. After waiting several hours, he said he was ordered to return to

Panama without the money. Inducement

In another development, the Associated Press reported that officials in Washington said the U.S. government, as an inducement to Noriega to leave his homeland, offered to fly him into exile and to allow family and friends to accompany him.

The proposal was made last week when Noriega met with two State Department envoys who encouraged him to step down as commander of Panama's Defence Forces and to accept a Spanish offer of political exile, the officials, who asked not to be named, said Tuesday.

But Noriega told the envoys he was not willing to accept any arrangement that involves his departure from Panama.



A U.S. serviceman prior tn his departure for military exercises in

Gunman charged in Belfast

BELFAST (AP) — A protestant gunman who attacked an Irish Republican Army (IRA) funeral was charged Tuesday with murdering six Roman Catholics Fein. and declared he was on a lone mission of revenge against the

IRA, prosecutors said.
Michael Stone, 33, brought to court under heavy guard, told police his "military operation" was in retaliation for a string of IRA attacks, including a 1984 attempt to assassinate British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at a hotel in Brighton, Eng- ramilitary. No surrender."

"I alone carried out this military operation as a retaliatory strike against Provisional Sinn Fein, the IRA, in response to the slaughter of innocents at La Mon, Darkley, Brighton and Enniskil-

attacks over a decade. Stone stood silently in the dock through the 10-minute hearing while a police officer testified that

he also told detectives: freelance loyalist (Protestant) pa-

"I would state I am a dedicated

len." Stone told police, listing

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In Catholic West Belfast, where British authorities ordered a "massive murder investigation" after the killing of two British soldiers during another IRA funeral there Saturday, police threw up road blocks at main roads into the ghetto.

British soldiers, rifles at the

ready, patrolled the streets. Police sources say up to 30 suspects have been identified from an army video taken from a helicopter and screened television footage of Saturday's funeral

Sandinista concession helps peace talks

SAPOA, Nicaragua (Agencies)

— Nicaragua's Sandinista government and U.S.-backed contra rebels were set to move into their third day of talks Wednesday after prospects for a ceasefire were brightened by a key government concession.

The Sandinista delegation offered to free political prisoners in proportion to the number of rebels who lay down their arms and return to civilian life, sources close to the negotiations said af-

ter Tuesday's session.

The offer added to the conciliatory attitude taken by both sides after they agreed to call a truce to hostilities Monday while the talks continue in this remote village on the Costa Rican border 140 kilometres south of Managua.

"Today was a fruitful day, and I hope tomorrow will be even better," contra leader Adolfo Calero told a news conference after Tuesday's talks.

However, deep-seated mutual distrust appeared to be keeping the two sides far from a long-term agreement

Sandinista officials privately expressed concern that the contras might agree to an initial truce to give them time to recharge their forces after a recent Sandinista offensive along the Honduran border.

Contra officials said they were wary of Sandinista reconciliation proposals that might actually be aimed at engineering the rebels' wholesale surrender.

Reagan 'souring peace prospects'

Nicaraguan Defence Minister Humberto Ortega, leading the Sandinista negotiating team, accused President Ronald Reagan of souring peace prospects with his appeals for renewed contra aid and said new funding would 'only contribute to the most reactionary sectors that don't want

The Sandinista concession on political prisoners appeared to mark a major advance in the talks, as the government had previously agreed to free the estimated 3,300 prisoners, many of them battle-bardened contras, only after the war was over.

The government had also previously insisted that any exiled RANGOON (R)—A fire devasrebel leaders accept a government offer of amnesty before they could come home.

These are major steps forward," said an adviser to the Sandinista delegation.

There was no immediate response from the contra forces, but Calero described Tuesday's meeting as "frank, direct and

Renewed contra aid push

In Washington, Reagan has sought to revive his stalled effort to aid the Nicaraguan contras and said congressional Democrats will be to blame if the supply-starved

rebels fade from existence. In an hour-long meeting on Capitol Hill Tuesday, Reagan appealed to Republican members of the House of Representatives to unite behind a new effort to push through Congress some kind of help for the contras, whose last U.S. aid ran out Feb. 29.

Poll picks Dukakis over Bush

WASHINGTON (R) - Demo-crat Michael Dukakis would be elected U.S. president over Re-publican Vice-President George Bush if the election were held now, according to a Washington Post-ABC News public opinion

But while favouring Mas-sachusetts Governor Dukakis now, the voters surveyed for the poll said they still believed a Republican would win when the election was actually held on Nov. 8, the Washington Post said Wednesday.

Even so, it said, the poll sug-gested for the first time the possibility of a Democratic presidential victory.

The poll followed other surveys showing Dukakis ahead of Bush in Michigan and New York.

The three polls indicated a significant shift from those two



weeks ago that showed Bush well shead of all other candidates following his wins in 16 of the 17 state primaries held on "Super

Tuesday, March g.

The Washington Post said the new poll indicated Dukakis July.

would be elected president over Bush with 50 per cent of the vote to Bush's 45 per cent if the election were held now.

ABC had said earlier the poll

gave Dukakis a narrow 49-48 per cent lead. There was no immediate explanation why the two news organisations got different figures

from the same poll. The newspaper said three of every five voters surveyed believed a Republican would be elected president on Nov. 8, even though many of them said they would vote for Dukakis rather than Bush if the election were

held now. Primary votes for the delegaterich states of New Jersey and California are the last big events hefore Democratic delegates nominate their presidential candidate at a convention in Atlanta in

Soviet republics call for end to territorial dispute

MOSCOW (AP) - The Kremlin cow after meeting with a Western strike. lined up governments throughout television journalist. the country Tuesday in a call to end ethnic strife in two Soviet republics, turning up pressure to halt a territorial dispute that has

claimed at least 32 lives. The TASS news agency said the presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, the nation's largest republic, and equivalent bodies in the Ukraine. Byelorussia, Georgia and Uzbekistan called on the national parliament to take firm action.

The move came amid increasingly negative coverage in the official press of a campaign being waged hy Armerian activists to annex the predominantly Armenian Nagorno-Karabakh region, which is part of neighbouring Azerhaijan, and the reported arrest of a leading Armenian

Tamara Grigoryants, wife of Armenian-born dissident Sergei Grigoryants, said in a telephone interview that Paryur Arikyan was arrested Tuesday evening by three policemen in central Mos-

Burma fire

113 people and making more than

through a jumble of wooden

houses.

She said Arikyan was accused of illegally crossing the street, and that he informed her of his arrest by calling from a pay tele-phone as the policemen stood hy. Arikvan said Saturday he had travelled clandestinely to Moscow after his passport was confis-

cated in Armenia.

The government newspaper Izvestia Tuesday criticised Armenian activists whom it said gathered almost 4,000 people for a meeting in Yerevan on March 19 to devise strategy to press their demands. A day earlier the Communist Party newspaper Pravda charged the Armenians' campaign has a "clear anti-socialist

Soviet Foreign Ministry Spokesman Gennady 1. Gerasimov told a regular news briefing that protests continued in Armenia Sunday and Monday. A nationalist source said Armenians would gather again in their capital of Yerevan on March 26 to decide whether to call a general Still too tense

Gerasimov said the situation in

Azerbaijan and Armenia still was too tense to allow foreign journalists to travel there. Arikyan, chairman of an

Armenian nationalist group cal-led Alliance for National Determination, said the Pravda article was an indication that authorities would not agree to unite Nagorno-Karabakh with Armenia, despite appeals from local Communist Party and government

Arikyan once headed an underground Armeman nationalist group called the National Umfication Party, and was jailed for 17 years beginning in 1969 for his political activities.

He said Armenian activists in Yerevan claim 78 people were killed in Sumgait. Refusal by central antborities to unite Nagorno-Karabakh would not stop the unrest, he told the news conference. "I think a worse tragedy than Sumgait awaits us,"

Gorbachev: extensive political reform ahead

MOSCOW (R) — A Communist openness in every way.

Party conference in June is exNot everything has yet been tated the remote northern Burmese hill town of Lashio, killing 20,000 bomeless as it swept

Rangoon radio said 64 people were injured in the three-hour hlaze which started in a private kitchen last Sunday afternoon. Burmese officials said it was the worst single fire accident in

the country's history. The radio report, Tuesday night, was the first official disclosure of the tragedy.

There were no immediate independent reports from the town, which lies in inaccessible forested hills where anti-government guer-rillas operate and which is rarely visited by outsiders.

The radio said the fire started in the kitchen of a Chinese national, rapidly spreading through three districts of the town and destroying more than 2.000 buildings, including two schools

ped because of the speed with which the blaze moved through the tightly-packed houses. High fences and walls around many of

It said many people were trap-

the houses blocked escape routes. The homeless were sheltered in choois and Buddhist monasteries, the radio reported.

form of the Soviel political system, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was quoted as saying

The Soviet news agency TASS quoted Gorbachev as saying in talks with Uruguayan President Julio Sanguinetti that his social and economic reform drive had to be made irrevocable through "democratisation from top to bottom" and the promotion of

worked out," he said, according to TASS. "For instance, at the 19th party conference it will be necessary to busy ourselves with a far-reaching reconstruction of the

political superstructure." The conference, from June 28-30, will be attended by delegates from throughout the country in what Western analysts say is an attempt by Gorbachev to win grass-roots support for his reform drive, known as "perestroika."

U.S. Congress enacts civil rights bill over veto

WASHINGTON (AP) - Supporters of a civil rights bill enacted over President Ronald Reagan's veto say it will help cure "an epidemic of discrimination" that followed a 1984 Supreme Court decision limiting federal protec-

tion for many groups.
"Discrimination in federally funded institutions is occurring at accelerated rates," Congressman Don Edwards, an opposition Democrat, said Tuesday as the House of Representatives joined the Senate in overriding Reagan's

veto of the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

Congress was troubled for four years over how to handle the high court ruling that only specific programmes or activities receiving federal aid had to comply with four major civil rights laws.

Lawmakers finally settled on a restoration act that bars discrimination by entire institutions, government agencies and some corporations that receive any federal aid.

of the independent Left-wing dai- undid the work of the Socialists over the previous five years. Despite his loss of power, he has already built up a massive fund of popularity in the coming hattle against Chirac. All opinion polls make him the winner in the election, to be held in two rounds

his Socialist Party emerged the dominant partner on the left.

molishing the other pillar of French post-war politics — the Gaullist movement now headed by Chirac - and installing moderate Socialism as the natural party of government.

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Developing countries should quit smoking

GENEVA (R) — The World Health Organisation (WHO) Tuesday urged developing coun tries to join a campaign against tobacco which it said has already persuaded millions in industrialsed nations to quit the smoking. "The counter-attack against tobacco is now under way in the industrialised world," WHO Director-General Dr. Halfdan Mahler said in a press release. Mahler said 5.5 million people in Canada, 10 million in Britain and 40 million in the United States had already given up smoking. He added that the world tobacco industry is now aiming its sales at women, young people and developing nations as more men stop smoking and public opposition to the habit grows. He called on women's organisations to warn against "sexist advertising aimed specifically at women.

The WHO, a specialised agency
of the United Nations, estimates
that about 2.5 million people die every year from diseases related to smoking - lung cancer, chronic bronchitis, emphysema and heart ailments. It says the habit has spread widely in developing countries. The organisation has banned smoking at its Geneva headquarters, and has set next April 7 as the world's first "no

AIDS policy for workplace

tobacco day."

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. government has laid down strict anti-discrimination policies to protect government employees with AIDs that may serve as a model for private firms and workers and state and local governments. The new rules prohibit discrimination against AIDS sufferers and allows them to work as long as they are able. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) wrote the guidelines for all government agencies on handling employees with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. The rules covering three million non-military federal employees represent nearly a complete turnabout by the Reagan administration, AIDS activists say.
"They seem to be very good guidelines," said Urvashi Vaid of the National Gay Rights Task Force, an American umbrella organisation of homosexual 'We are particularly pleased to see the emphasis placed on education and counselling coworkers," she said.

Cancer linked to family environment

NEW YORK (R) - A Danish study suggests that for some diseases, especially cancer, a family's environment is as important as genes in determining how long a person lives. The study, publisbed in the March 24 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, concludes that deaths before the age of 50 due to certain infections or heart disease are strongly associated with genes. In contrast, deaths from cancer appear to be influenced more by the family environment, the study said, confirming previous research showing a strong correlation between environmental factors, such as smoking, and

Test-tube baby pioneer dies

CANTERBURY, England (R) - British test-tube bahy pioneer Patrick Steptoe has died from cancer at the age of 74, his family announced Tuesday. Steptoe delivered the world's first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, in July 1978. He had been suffering from cancer for a number of years but carried on treating patients until almost the end. His family said he died peacefully Monday evening in the sonthern city of Canter-bury, where he had lived since December. Steptoe laid down the foundations for in vitro fertilisation, now known as the test-tube baby technique and used worldwide to treat a certain kind of infertility.

Police seize grisly documentary

birds alive, chopping a cat's tail off, or killing a turtle with boiling water - Hong Kong is considering whether film of this is fit for television. Police seized the film from government-controlled Wednesday on a complaint by the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. A station spokesman said government censors would study the film to de-

HONG KONG (R) - Roasting

Mitterrand declares war on the Right

By Alan Philps

PARIS - France's Socialist President François Mitterrand, who destroyed the Communists as a major political force in France in the 1970s, set out Wednesday on a new crusade — to demolish the Gaullist Right. Announcing his candidature for a

second seven-year term Tuesday night, the 71-year-old Socialist president said he intended to save France from what he called "intolerant spirits and parties that want everything.

"If private interests, egoist by nature, dominate the country we risk tearing its social fahric," he

His declaration of war shocked his two main challengers, Gaullist Prime Minister Jacques Chirac and Centrist former prime minister Raymond Barre.

Several commentators saw Mitterrand, who bas cultivated an avuncular image for the past two years, transformed hack into the

fiery opponent of General Charles de Gaulle of the 1960s. "We expected a low-key Mitterrand," said Serge July, editor

ly Liberation. "Instead we find a turbo-charged candidate." Mitterrand, standing in his fourth presidential election, left

no doubt he sees his only serious challenger as Chirac, dynamic leader of the Neo-Gaullist RPR (Rally for the Republic) Party. He attacked the rightist programme put into effect by Chirac over the past two years - priva-

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tising state-owned firms, huilding up France's armed forces and liberalising job protection laws. Political analysts say Mitterrand's strategy is clear: to build a

to keeping the 55-year-old prime minister out of the Elysee Palace. Critics say Mitterrand wants to avenge the humiliation he suffered in March 1986, when Chirac's centre-right coalition defe-

centre-left constituency dedicated

ated the Socialists in a general election. This forced the president to take a back seat while a government headed by his adversary

on April 24 and May 8. Mitterrand owes his strength to a decade-long power struggle with the Communists from which

If Mitterrand is reelected, he stands a good chance of de-

On Tuesday might, Mitterrand avoided pledging to name a Socialist as his prime minister if he is elected for a second man-

Analysts interpreted his remarks as indicating be would seek to woo Barre's centrist supporters if — as polls say is increasingly likely — the former prime minister is beaten.

radio television Hong Kong cide if it can be screened in 3 documentary series about nature and Chinese customs.

during Bangladesh school examinations. Police said they opened fire to disperse students trying to burn down examination centres. killing two people and wounding about 50. At least 50 people. including some policemen, were injured in other battles as students attacked teachers and destroyed examination papers. "This is bell of a situation," said one official at the education

DHAKA (R) - Two students were shot dead and at least 100

people were injured when students fought police with bombs and

rocks Tuesday in continued protests against strict monitoring

Bangladesh students battle police

COLOMBO (R) — Up to 50 Tamil rebels have been killed in Sri Lanka in recent operations by Indian troops, a senior Indian military officer said in an interview published Wednesday. The state-run Daily News quoted Major-General A.S. Khalkat, deputy commander of Indian troops in Sri Lanka, as saying that the separatist guerrillas suffered heavy casualties in recent operations in Vavuniya in the north. "About 40 to 50 fighters were killed, many wounded and captured... in the raids," Khalkat said. About 5,000 Indian troops launched operations in Vavuniya and adjoining districts two weeks ago to hunt down and

disarm the rebels. Philippine cargo ship capsizes

'Up to 50 guerrillas killed'

TOKYO (R) — Twenty-one crewmen were feared dead after a Philippine cargo ship capsized off eastern Japan Tuesday night, marine officials said. One survivor was rescued after the 6,812-tonne Captain Trader capsized 3.5 kilometres off Shiogama, about 300 kilometres north of Tokyo, a Maritime Safety Agency spokesman said. Twelve hodies had been recovered, be added, and patrol hoats and helicopters were searching for the nine crew still missing.

UNITA reports killing 34 soldiers

LISBON (AP) - The Angolan rebel movement UNITA said Tuesday it had killed 34 government soldiers and captured arms in two recent attacks in the north of Angola. UNITA, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, said in a statement distributed in Lisbon that two rebels were killed and six wounded in the actions. The rebels said they killed 12 soldiers Saturday when they attacked a military supply column north of the town of Makokola in northwestern Uige province. Rebels killed 22 soldiers in a clash in the northeastern province of Lunda, the statement said. No date was given for the fighting.

Sarney wins critical vote

BRASILIA (R) - Brazilian President Jose Sarney, often dismissed as a lame duck leader, won an important political victory in congress when legislators voted Tuesday to retain the country's strong executive presidency. The vote Tuesday was a major boost for Sarney and the most important political decision in Brazil since the end of the 1964-85 period of military rule. It also marked a serious setback for the majority Brazilian Democratic Movement Party (PMDB). Samey had used all the political influence at his disposal to persuade the assembly to retain the country's presidential system, in force for all but a brief period of Brazil's 99 years as a republic. Advocates of a parliamentary system — with effective power in the hands of a prime minister had argued that such a reform would strengthen democracy in

Bukharin 'readmitted' to Soviet party

MOSCOW (R) - Nikolai Bukharin, a leading Bolshevik executed under Josef Stalin in the 1930s, has been posthumously readmitted to the Soviet Communist Party, East European sources said Tuesday. The sources told Reuters that Bukharin, Alexei Rykov and 18 other defendants shot after a 1938 show trial had been restored to good party standing by an administrative decision taken shortly after their legal rehabilitation early last month. "This is not special for Bukharin. All those rehabilitated with him have been readmitted to the party," the sources said. Soviet officials were not immediately available for comment. Bukharin, a top Bolshevik theorist, became Stalin's leading opponent in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Rykov, a member of the first government after the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, also fell foul of Stalin as the dictator launched his party purges.